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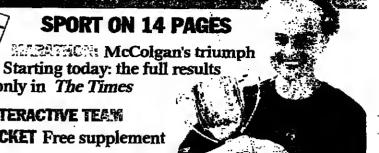
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# Viscount's girlfriend dies as bomb blasts backpacker hotel

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By Adrian Lee and CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH, the son of the Marquess of Bath and heir to the Longleat estate, survived a bomb blast in Delhi which killed his girlfriend, best friend, and ten other

The viscount, 21, was pulled from beneath the debris of a guest house but suffered only cuts and bruises. But his girlfriend, Scarlett Kirby, 29. and best friend Crinan Wilde, 21,

both believed to be from London. were killed in the blast at a guesthouse, popular with backpackers. Up to 30 others, including another three Britons, were injured in the blast on Saturday. Last night two separatist groups opposed to Indian elections, due to start next week, claimed responsibility for the

bombing.
The Marquess, whose ancestral seat is Longleat, near Warminster. Wiltshire, spoke yesterday of his huge relief at his son's good

fortune and his sadness for the victims. His son, born Caewlin Thynn, is heir to a £150 million fortune. "He has certainly been most lucky in escaping injury or worse. He was buried in the explosion but I have spoken to him and he is all right. He has got cuts but no broken bones. He sounded his normal self but that was before

he knew about the others. One feels tremendous sympathy for their families and I cannot really say any more. They were all great

girl who would have gone far in life.

am totally devastated by this." The Marquess said, at first, his son believed Miss Kirby had survived the huge explosion. When I first spoke to him he thought she was alive. He thought he had heard

her voice after the explosion." He said his son was "enormously attached" to Miss Kirby, his girlfriend of about a year."He is now deeply shocked at the loss of dear

friends and very fond of one friends. This has been a real another. Scarlett was a charming calamity for him. I am hoping to get calamity for him. I am hoping to get him back here as soon as possible." The Viscount's sister, Lenka, is flying to India.

The young heir, once expelled from school for smoking cannabis, was in India founding a ski resort in Manali, in the Himalayas, and regularly visits Delhi. Miss Kirby. who formerly worked for a cosmetics company, was promoting the new venture and Mr Wilde was a business partner as well as a close

family friend. Two flatmates, Andy Byfield and Cathi Soanes, were among the survivors and a Briton escaped because he went out for a

drink minutes before the blast. The bomb, said by police to have contained between 45 and 65lb of explosives, demolished the 25-room Arjun guesthouse in the Paharganj area of Delhi. Police said they were questioning ao Iranian who was among the injured in hospital.

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Queen

### **Shadow Cabinet warning**

# Prescott tells Short to toe line or resign

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLTICAL CORRESPONDENT

CLARE SHORT was publicly warned by John Prescott, the tideputy Labour leader, to accept collective responsibility or resign from the Shadow Cabinet, as a further row broke out over the party's tax plans.

But within minutes of criticising his colleague, Mr Prescott appeared to make a similar gaffe on tax which was Tories who claimed that it showed Labour would hit middle income earners.

Last week Ms Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary. angered the Labour leadership by suggesting that people like herself, who is on an MPs salary of £34,850, should pay more tax. Ms Short immediately accused her critics of stifling debate.

Yesterday Mr Prescott said that if Ms Short was oot prepared to accept the constraints of collective responsibility she should consider her

"You must make a judgment but when you make a judgment to stay on the front bench you are under a certain amount of constraint." he said. You come to a collective agreement about something and you have a responsibility to observe it. If you don't then you can clearly leave it because, after all, each one of us in the Shadow Cabinet

stands for election." However Mr Prescott then conceded that Labour's aim to achieve fairer taxation meant that some people would pay

less but others would pay a lot more. While he made clear that Labour had no intention of hitting the middle classes who had suffered under Tory tax rises, he suggested that the

wealthy would pay more. Mr Prescott tried to keep to the party line that the Labour leadership would spell out its tax rates nearer the next answer questions on BBCl's Breakfast with Frost about specific tax bands, merely saying Labour would have a "fair tax system". However when asked by Sir David

\*Of course there are some very rich entrepreneurs, but what's wrong with that?"

— Peter Mandelson, page 46

Frost if a fair tax system meant "some people would pay less and quite a lot of people would pay more tax". Mr Prescott said: "That seems to be a reasonable interpretation about a fairer tax system but the appropriate rates are the ones that people are concerned

He went on to argue he did not want to "add to the unfair burden of the massive tax increases that the Government bad imposed, particularly on the middle income

His comments highlighted the tension among the Labour leadership over whether the party should impose a new top

rate of tax for high earners. Senior Labour sources said Mr Prescott's remarks were entirely in line with the leadership and did not refer to higher income tax rates. They argued that the party intended to close tax loopholes for the rich and impose a windfall tax

on privatised utilities. Michael Heseltine, the Dep-Mr Prescott's remarks were proof that Labour would penalise middle class voters.

"Clare Short told us she wanted to pay more tax. John Prescott says that it is not just Clare Short but a lot of people who will pay more," he said.

Tony Blair's attempts to

reassure the voters that be had no plans to penalise middle class voters were further undermined yesterday by a poll of 80 backbenchers showing considerable support for higher taxes for middle income

The poil, carried out by The Sunday Times, showed that 38 MPs wanted the top rate of income tax raised from 40 per cent to 50 per cent, while two opted for 60 per cent. That compared with 26 who wanted no change. Twenty-six said a 50 per cent rate should start to bite at £40,000-a-year, while 23 wanted it to come in at £50,000 and 16 at £60,000. Only one said a 50 per cent rate should start at £100,000.

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, claimed the survey showed Labour remained the party of high taxation.



The Queen responds jubilantly to crowds at Sandringham who greeted her with a chorus of Happy Birthday

#### enjoys a birthday takeaway BY ALAN HAMILTON

FOR all the Queen's efforts to keep the occasion within the bosom of her family, her 70th birthday yesterday became something of a public event. More than 1,000 well wish

ers feted her with spring flowers and birthday cakes as she emerged from morning service at Sandringham, where the crowd slipped into a chorus of Happy Birthday. Tributes from all quarters were paid to the Queen. praising her 44 years on the

throne as an outstanding con-

stitutional monarch who has rarely put a fool wrong. Less happily, some Sunday newspapers which now toe a republican line marked the anniversary by blaming the Queen for bringing her recent family troubles on her own head; and a private dinner last night for 14 close family and friends was switched to Frogmore House in Windsor Great Park after a newspaper disclosed the original location as Michel Roux's Waterside Inn near Windsor. Not to be beaten. M Roux took his planned dinner to the Royal party, rather than the other

The Queen, who had spent quiet weekend at Wood Continued on page 2. col 4

other way round.

Ben Pimlott, page 6

# Lamont backs Goldsmith

A DAMAGING new split emerged in the Conservative

Party last night after Sir James Goldsmith set out his terms for a referendum on Europe, insisting the people should decide whether they



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By JILL SHERMAN

wanted to be governed by Brussels or Westminster. Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor immediately threw his weight behind the billionaire financier, whose Referendum Party is threatening to field more than 600

candidates at the next election. John Redwood also broke ranks with the Tory leadership by calling for a wider referendum than one for a single currency, admitting Sir James's terms were "worth considering". Mr Redwood has already accepted an invitation to meet him to discuss the referendum.

Ministers are becoming increasingly nervous about Sir James's threat — backed by a £20 million fighting fund — to campaign in marginal seats at the next election.

The backing from two senior Tory rightwingers will further undermine party mor-

al after more rumours that a

disenchanted group of right-wing MPs still hope to mount

a last-ditch leadership challenge to John Major.

Yesterday Sir James, who confirmed he would stand against David Mellor in Putney, tried to broaden his appeal among the Tory pary by presenting much wider terms for a referendum.

In the past he has called for one on the Maastricht treaty, which Mr Redwood dismissed as "a nonsense". But yesterday, on LWT's Jonathan Dimbleby programme, Sir James adopted more populist terms, saying. The purpose of the referendum is absolutely sim-ple. It is to have a referendum on who governs Britain is the biggest single decision a nation can make. Should it survive as a nation or should it be fused with 24 other nations

into a Superstate?" Asked what the Government would have to do to Continued on page 2, coi 1

Peter Riddell, page 16

#### On the road to Damascus

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, returned to Damascus for talks with President Asad of Syria, after announcing that he was confident of bringing a halt to the Israel-Hezbollah fighting. After meeting Shimon Peres, the Israeli prime minister, Mr Christopher said that the negotiations were going to be "very difficult" Page 9



#### **Christopher** Robin' dies

The original Christopher Robin, sayer of prayers and whisper who dares and best triend of Winniethe Pool, the bear of very little brain. has died at the age of 75. Christopher Robin Milne. was the son of A A Milne. Obitnary, page 19

Angels for sale

Exquisitely carved cherubs and angels from a magnificent 19th-century altarpiece at St Paul's Cathedral will be sold abroad unless £740,000 can be raised. They are among 17 marble sculptures that survived from the reredos designed in the 1880s... Page 5 hours, 10 minutes. Vincent

### McColgan wins the hottest marathon

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

most dedicated runners in international sport, revelled in the hottest conditions of the year yesterday when she returned from injury to win the London Marathon women's

As many in the record field of 27,000 runners suffered in the unexpected sunshine, the Briton strode down the Mall on the Queen's 70th birthday to become one of the favourites

for the Olympic title. The temperature of 70 degrees, the highest in the event's 16 years, brought out hundreds of thousands of spectators.

After winning the race for the first time, McColgan, 31. who once competed with a broken kneecap and trained only a week after giving birth, was embraced by her husband Peter, an international steeplechaser. They then phoned their 5-year-old daughter Ellish at their Dundee home. She said: "I am the sort of runner who competes well in the heat." Her victory in 2 hours 27 minutes 54 seconds

earned her about £150,000. McColgan, who in 1991 won the world 10,000 metres tide and New York Marathon, subsequently suffered knee and back injuries and was told by a specialist that she would never run again.

For the third successive year, Dionisio Cerón of Mexico, won the men's race, in 2

LIZ McCOLGAN, one of the Rousseau of Belgium was second and Paul Evans of Britain, third.

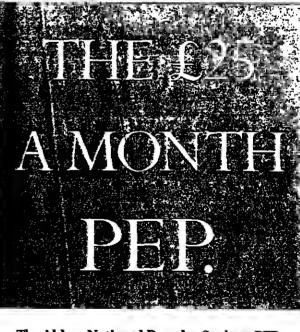
Behind them came thousands of club athletes and runners raising an estimated E6 million for charities. They included people dressed as fairies. Noddy, Minoie Mouse, and the Queen. One had a placard saying: "Never Again". The last finisher was Nancy Neale, 35, in 8 hours, 38 minutes, 40 seconds.

□ Norfolk was the warmest county in Britain yesterday with 73F (23C) recorded in Marham. That made it warmer than Barcelona (72F), Beirut (66F) and Bermuda (68F).

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to rise 30%

fice costs and secretarial staff.

The Senior Salaries Review Body will not make its final recommendations until June,

but Westminster sources pre-

dict that an MP's £34,480 salary will be brought more into line with civil service pay.

Senior Labour Party

sources suggested last night that £45,000 was a "reason-

able" figure for MPs, many of whom work more than 80

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# Tory threatens to force by-election if deselected

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING Tory right-winger has threatened to force a by-election, which could wipe out the Government's majority of one, if he is deselected by his constituency party next month.

Sir George Gardiner, former chairman of the rightwing 02 Group, faces deselection in his Reigate seat after local activists claimed he "acted against the interests of the Government".

Local Tories are evenly split over whether they would support Sir George in in a deselection battle after his controversial backing of John Redwood in the Tory leadership contest last summer. A survey by local Tories shows 51 per cent would support Sir George and 49 per cent would

not. Yesierday Sir George said there was a "death wish" in his constituency in wanting to expose divisions and old wounds, particularly over Europe.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend, Sir George insisted that he had never deliberately tried to cause trouble. "I have never acted against the interests of my party. I have always spoken for the grassroots about my party and I continue

to do so," he said. Sir George, who has one of the safest seats in the country with a 17,000 majority, said it was highly unlikely that he would be deselected but he left open the possibility that he would resign and force a by-election if that happened. "That is a hypothetical situation. I believe that I have the support of the majority of active workers," he said.

"If it were to be shown that I did not, and that they had lost all confidence in me, then I would obviously have to consider my position but I have not gone further than that."

Tony Collinson, chairman of a local branch recently merged with the consituency. said there was significant concern. I think quite a few people are unhappy; I mean I know a lot of people who actually think Sir George Gar-diner has acted against the interests of the Government."

Mr Collinson said. "f think a lot of people feel you shouldn't rock the boat.

is as it is at the moment." John Chiles, a veteran Tory member of Reigate and Banstead Council, said Sir George tended to follow his own mind on matters rather than take the advice of the wishes of the people he represented.

The support for Sir George

"The support for Sir George is possibly equal to those who might wish to see another person selected," Mr Chiles said. "There is a feeling that we've been let down. Some people definitely would like to see a new MP." see a new MP.

Even Major-General Michael Steele, Sir George's constituency party chairman, conceded Reigate might look to a new MP. "There is some dissent but the system that we have of 'first past the post' on re-adoption means, as far as I



Gardiner: never tried

am concerned, that once the adoption issue is out of the way, then the association will settle down and work together to get George re-elected - or to get our MP re-elected with as good a majority as he's got at the moment."

to cause trouble

hours a week. But they pointed out that MPs were more concerned with having better resources, such as secretaries Peter Riddell, page 16 and office equipment.

At present MPs are entitled to one overall allowance of £42,754 to cover office costs. including research work. MPs with constituencies outside London are entitled to a fur-ther £11,267 for accommoda-

tion in the capital. But many are now pressing for proper offices in their constituencies as well as at Westminster. They argue that both offices should be manned by a secretary and have a computer and a fax machine. apart from office equipment.

### RAF uses war spirit to cut plane crashes

to £45,000 Wartime camaraderic between Battle of Britain fliers is to be instilled in their present-day counterparts to try to cut the By JILL SHERMAN

growing number of crashes. Senior officers believe there is a lack of teamwork amung air crews who rarely socialise. Seven aircraft have crashed this year, at a cost of MPS are expecting a 30 per cent rise in their basic salaries to at least £45,000 a year to be £100 million. Psychologists who interviewed survivors are thought to have noted a lack of teamwork which might have been a factor in some accidents. In the next 12 months, agreed this summer. They will have extra allowances for ofexperts will visit every flying base at home and overseas to

which has already been rehearsed at RAF Insworth, Gloucestershire, the training command headquarters. BSE linked to hay mite

train up to 6,000 staff in "crew resource management",

The National Farmers' Union called for further study into a theory that hay mites may be spreading "mad cow" disease. Scientists say in The Lancet that they have evidence that hay mites may be one of the routes by which scrapic, closely related to BSE, passes between sheep. They speculate that the same may be true of BSE.

#### Adoption smokescreen

children under a policy to be considered by North-Yorkshire. Couples who smoke could adopt children over two but would have to set up non-smoking areas in their homes. A spokesman said that the move reflected concern over the effects of smoking on young children.

#### Nurse recruitment falls

A slump in the number of nurses being trained is threatening patient care and could turn into a significant recruitment problem for the NHS, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday. Official figures show that 9,000 nurses are expected to qualify next year. The figure is a third lower than the 14,000 who qualified last year,

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#### particularly when the position Tories split over Goldsmith referendum plan

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prevent his party challenging MPs, Mr
Goldsmith said: "If they are willing to
give a real referendum ... on a question which answers the fundamental point - Who governs Britain -then we would dissolve.

Mr Lamont, who has called for a wider plebescite than a single currency, last night gave a clear endorsement to Sir James. "These are real questions. They cannot be ignored and I very

much doubt if Sir James will go away." Mr Redwood said Sir James's terms were "worth considering". The defeat-ed party leadership challenger has proposed a referendum on whether Britain should remain within a common market or move on to a European

Last night he conceded this was a similar position to Sir James's but emphasised he wanted to know what the financier envisaged happening if

the people voted that Westminster rather than Brussels should govern. This could be taken as an advisory referendum which would strengthen the Government's hand during present negotations at the inter governmental conference on Europe," said Mr Redwood. "It would mean that the Government could not go ahead with a single currency or further steps towards

European integration. Sir James yesterday received support from an influential senior Tory the former party treasurer Lord McAlpine, who confirmed, on Sky News's Sunday programme, that he would consider voting for the Referendum Party if it did mount a challenge.

However, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, was adamant that the Government would give Sir James no more ground.

Peter Riddell, page 16

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#### **Barclays** bomber increases expertise

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ANTI-TERRORIST detectives ntensified the hunt for the Mardi Gra bomber yesterday after an explosion near a hranch of Barclays Bank left three Saturday afternoon shoppers with slight injuries.

Police fear the latest attack shows that the bomber is getting better at making A Scotland Yard source said: "There is concern he is getting more determined. There is the greater potential for greater damage or injury."

In the past some attacks have caused small explosions. Other devices have been made without a vital part. Some have included all the parts but failed to explode because of technical mistakes.

The bomber sent a device in a package to another branch in the Ealing area at the start of his campaign. Other branches in west London have been prominent among his

The device was made from shotgun cartridges, which the bomber has used before. Explosives experts are likely to compare the debris to photographs of a device the bomber seni to a narional newspaper several weeks ago. The bomber claimed he was perfecting a new type of device, using shotgun parts, which he

and provincial police are all involved in a hunt for the

bomber which began in De-

cember 1994.

people love her." claimed was more powerful. A six-man team in the Yard's Anri-Terrorist Branch SO13. Special Branch officers

# Queen celebrates

Continued from page 1 Farm on the Sandringham estate inspecting her stud, arrived for morning service at the Church of St Mary Magdelen, Sandringham, accompanied by the Princess Royal and watched by a large welcoming crowd, many of whom were sporting festive

coloured balloons. She was greeted at the church by Canon George Hall, rector of Sandringham. and Michael Oswald, manager of the Royal Studs, who shares her birthday.

tn his sermon, relayed to the crowd outside, Canon Hall wished the Queen a happy birthday and said: "We give thanks for the years of steadfast devotion to duty and to the service of this country and the Commonwealth. We give thanks that she has shared with her subjects their grief in time of sorrow, as well as their joy in celebration."

As the Queen and her daughter emerged to the warm applause of the crowd, Canon Hall spoke of the current climate of divorce within the Royal Family with the Duke and Duchess of York being granted a decree nisi last week, and the Prince and Princess of Wales currently negotiating through their law-

yers towards the same end. "Only time will tell how deep is the damage. But meanwhile I am confident that the monarchy will survive. The Queen is absolutely wonderful." Canon Hall said. "Today we have seen how much

Later in the day the Queen travelled to Windsor, where she was reunited with the Duke of Edinburgh, who had spent the day attending a charity cricket match in aid of the National Playing Fields Association. The couple were then entertained to a private

reslaurant dinner — a rare

organised by Prince Edward, who is reported to have charged the guests £100 a head to share his mother's celebration.

The most notable absentees were the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York, to whom invitations were not extended. The guests included Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Princess Margaret. The Prince of Wales, Prince Edward and his long-standing companion Sophie Rhys-Jones, and Princess Alexandra with her husband Sir Angus

The Queen was determined that her 70th birthday be a low key and private affair. The reason appears to be twofold: she felt a public celebration inappropriate while divorce was a major issue in the family, and she felt that, with wartime anniversary parties last year and the millennium less than four years away, with her own Golden Jubilee hard on its heels, celebration was in danger of moving into overdrive, if not overkill.

Nevertheless vesterday was in sharp contrast to the marking of past round numbers in the Queen's life. On her 50th birthday she hosted a grand ball at Windsor, at which such luminaries as Margaret Thatcher, Edward Heath and Harold Wilson danced the night away to the Joe Loss orchestra. On her 60th birthday, 6,000 school children serenaded her outside Buckingham Palace and presented her with hosts of golden

daffodils. This time, the only official acknowledgement will be today, when, as on all her hirthdays she is accorded a 62 gun salute from the Tower of London and another 41 guns

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# Bomb survivors dug out victims with their hands

BRITISH survivors of the Delhi bomb blast clawed at the rubble to reach trapped victims. The three-storey Arjun guest house was reduced without warning to a pile of debris by the huge

Andy Byfield, 32, from Kent. who had been backpacking through India with friends, joined the rescue operation. His flatmate Cathi Soanes, 31, was among the injured. He said: "There was sheer panic. There was no visibility and you could just hear people

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH.

who first featured in the

gossip columns in 1991 when

expelled from Bedales School

for smoking cannabis, has

subsequently refrained from

embracing the hedonistic life-

style of his father, the hippy

Ceawlin Henry Laszlo Thynn, 21, has frequently

surprised his libidinous

father — famous for a barem

of more than 60 "wifelets".

immortalised in a series of nude portraits - by his con-

formity. First, he went against his father's wishes by using a

trust fund to pay his £7,300-a-

year boarding fees at the

Hampshire public school. His

father, who disapproves of

private education, had sent

him to a local comprehensive

Then he announced that he

would not compromise his

privacy by admitting visitors

to his private apartments at

Longleat House when he inherits it, unlike his father.

who welcomes tourists to view

his artistic handiwork at an

Lord Bath, 64, became the

7th Marquess in 1992 upon

the death of his father - the

first aristocrat to open his

stately home to the public --

and runs Longleat, its lion

school.

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THE RESCUE

screaming frantically. People began digging with their hands, trying to locate any-body. In the first 20 minutes we managed to dig out four or five heavily bleeding and

dusty people.
"After half an hour it was obvious lots of other people were trapped. You could reach through the slabs and touch their faces. They were screaming 'Water' and we poured water through the holes just to clean them and to get some of the dust and debris out of the

THE DYNASTY

"I have good reason"

expulsion from Bedales, Lord

Weymouth transferred to a

sixth-form college in Cam-

bridge, where he took his A

United States to study politics

and philosophy at the Univer-sity of Richmond before going

to University College London

to read economics and philos-

ophy. Since graduating he has been involved in a rave-

style nightclub and fallen in

love with Scarlett Kirby, a public relations consultant

eight years his senior.

He took a year out in the

Cathi Soanes, of Croydon, hurt her neck in the blast

Heir who rebelled

by conforming

air. We were holding people's hands and pulling them out. There was so much panic and screaming, so much crazy, out-of-control behaviour." Mr Byfield, a former adver-

tising manager who gave up his job to travel for six months. added: "All you wanted to do was keep people alive. Because of the language barrier, three or four Westerners worked together to move slabs. There were no heroics it was a case of getting people out as quickly as possible, in case the rest of it fell down or they died."

Miss Soanes, a marketing consultant, from Croydon, south London, who was mugged the day before the bombing and suffered typhoid earlier on the tour, suffered neck injuries in the blast. The group, who were walking past the hotel, had been due to leave India yesterday.
Miss Soanes' mother, Mar-

garet, said: "She desperately wants to get home. Both she and Andy are in shock. She is waiting for a scan before she can fly. Some people they know have been killed."

Mr Byfield's father, Barry, of Purley, south London, said: He has come up trumps this time. He's normally a bit on the squeamish side, so this will have shocked him." He said his son was sleeping on the hospital floor to be near his injured flatmate.

Dion Scholte, 24, an engineer, from Chelmsford, Essex, who was also on a backpacking holiday, said two people in the room next door to his were killed. "We had gone out, otherwise we would have been killed." His Danish girlfriend, Charlotte, persuaded him to go to a restaurant 30 yards from the hotel. He said: "She nagged me to go and get a drink - ir's nearly 40C here. We walked to the restaurant, sat down and got a cold drink. There was this great loud bang, and then dust and rubble flying everywhere and the lights went out.

We didn't know what the hell was happening. We were hiding in the back for a while and then people were running out trying to pull at the rubble I treated a guy with a head wound - I think he was British. He was covered in blood, he was shaken and bleeding from his head and

legs - he looked a mess." The bomb may have been planted by groups opposed to elections, due to start next week. Two little-known separatist groups claimed to have carried out the bombing in a joint statement delivered to newspaper offices in Srinagar. They called themselves the Jammu and Kashmir Islami Harkatul-Momineen and the Khalistan Liberation Force. India's general election is

The couple went to India in due to begin on April 27. A separatist rebellion in the the new year to start a ski resort in the footbills of the Kashmir region is one of the campaign issues.



Delhi residents help members of the rescue services to take one of the injured to hospital after the blast in the Paharganj area

### £2-a-night dives are haven for backpackers

BY ROBIN YOUNG

UP TO 100,000 British backpackers visit Delhi every year but few stay more than a day or two before moving on to the more attractive sights of Agra and the Taj Mahal, or Jaipur and Rajasthan.

The Arjun guesthouse is one of many cheap backpackers' bostels in the narrow lanes near Conoaught Place. the Indian capital's central square. Paharganj, where the

described in several guidebooks as being the area that has the worst dives, offering dormitory beds or cheap rooms at less than £2 a night.

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Connaught Place comes as disappointment to most visitors. It is full of stray dogs, dangerous drivers and men who try to manhandle customers into carpet empori-

ums. Sexual harassment, known as Eve-teasing, is commonplace and Westerners are pursued mercilessly by beggars and hawkers offering anything from airline tickets

to palm readings. Anyone rash enough to give away money is immediately mobbed by a ragged crew of children. Most dangers in Delhi derive from the food and the infamous "Delhi belly", which is seldom lifethreatening, and the traffic,

people are killed daily on Delhi's streets. Otherwise backpackers are

warned to beware ruthless travel agents who try to lure them into visiting Kashmir by claiming their friends bave already gone there or by telling them Delhi is about to be hit by riots. Tourists have been kidnapped and killed after being caught up in the conflict in Kashmir as a result of such advice.



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#### park and 10,000 acres. After Himalayas. Emma Thompson's Austen takes film award encores

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ity, which won an Oscar for its star and screenwriter Enuma Thompson last month, took three awards at the annual ceremony of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts last night

Thompson, who took the best screenplay Oscar for the critically acclaimed production, was named as best actress by Bafta for her role as Jane Austen's romantic Regency heroine Elinor Dashwood. Her co-star Kate Winslet took the award for best supporting actress.
The film also won the best

film award. Thompson failed to win the screenplay prize. which went to John Hodge,

THE film Sense and Sensibil- adapter of Trainspotting, the controversial British film about heroin addiction.

The resurgence in popularity of the works of Jane Austen was reinforced in the television categories. The BBC2 film of Persuasion was named best single drama, while Jennifer Ehle woo the best television actress award for the BBC series Pride and Prejudice.

British talent dominated the film awards, which were presented by Sir Peter Ustinov and Angus Deayton at the Theatre Royal, London, and attended by the Princess Royal. Nigel Hawthorne was named best actor for the lead role in the Channel 4 film The Madness of King George which also took the Alexander Korda Award for the best British film. But the Lloyds Bank People's Vote Award, voted for by the public, went to Hollywood for Mel Gibson's

film Braveheart. The awards for the television industry had a familiar ring. The BBC Panorama interview with the Princess of Wales won the best talk-show award. Robbie Coltrane won the best television actor award for Cracker for the third year running and the programme was also named best drama series. Rory Bremner was named best light entertainment performer for the second consecutive year.

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Clunes (Men Behaving Badily); Best news coverage: Channel 4's news coverage of war crimes in former Yugoslavia (production team, ITN for Channel 4); Best sportulevents coverage in real sportu/events coverage in real time: VE-Day coverage; Best talk show: Pancrama interview with the Princess of Wales; Lloyds Bank people's vote for invourite TV programme: The X Files

Awards in the gift of the Bafta Council, Fellowship: John Schlesinger, Alexander Korda Award for the outstanding British film: The Machess of King George: Richard Dimbleby Award for the most important personal contribution on the screen in fachial television: Jeremy Payman; The Demils Potter Award: Roy Clark, Lew Grade Award for a similar. Lew Grade Award for a signifi-cant and popular television pro-gramme: The Artiques Roadshow. Foreign TV programme: ER

# Scientists argue on how to split particles of cash

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE world of academic research has been split by a bitter dispute between scientists over money. Physicists accuse the astronomers of grabbing more than their fair share of the resources available to the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, which backs both disciplines.

At the annual conference of the particle physicists at Imperial College ten days ago, the Chief Executive of the council, Professor Ken Pounds - an astronomer - faced a barrage of criticism that only just stopped short of a vote of no confidence. He said: "I felt like a man standing at the Stretford end at Manchester United with a Leeds scarf on. What the particle physicists are saying about astronomers getting more than their fair

share is stupid, and untrue." The particle physicists, who study the fundamental propersmashers, finally drew the line at the vote of no confidence but are circulating by e-mail texts of various possible resolutions which will be critical of the council's management.

Three of them - Professors Peter Dornan of Imperial College London, Erwin Gabathuler of Liverpool and Roger Cashmore of Oxford — have issued a statement saying that their branch of research is being badly handled by the council, whose plans contain "fundamental flaws based on poor advice'

The council is faced with the problem of satisfying both groups within a limited budget. Alarmed by the steady increase in the subscription to Cern, the European Particle Physics Laboratory in Geneva, it decided that expenditure on particle physics had be capped. Pounds said that the Cern subscription had risen by 27

the council was established. The bulk of the increase is caused by a reduction of the value of the pound against the Swiss franc. Hoever, the Cern costs are shared on the basis of national GDP, and Britain's has been growing faster than those of other members.

The council feared that, ultimately, all the money available would go towards the subscription, with none left to do any science. Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale. president of the Institite of Physics, said this would be like joining a golf club and having no money for equipment. But the particle physicists exploded when told that the council hoped to renegoti-ale the Cern subscription. One said: "It's not possible under

Cern's constitution." Professor Pounds said that the council's plan was the way to ensure a future for astronomy, space science and particle physics in Britain. He added:



Professor Pounds, left, who found himself under angry attack from physicists, and Sir Arnold, who has written to the Government seeking "a little extra cash"

There are risks in what we Agency, we will be paying £50 have decided to do, but the council took the view that

doing nothing was worse".

He pointed out that the space scientists had already had to drop out of a satellite called Integral, which will carry gamma-ray telescopes into space. "The irony is that through the British subscrip-

to £60 million into the construction of Integral, but we won't have any experiments on it," he said. "That makes no sense, scientifically or politically.

Sir Arnold Wolfendale defends Professor Pounds, but says that he also sympathises with the particle physicists

science withering on the vine." he said. He has written to lan Taylor, the Science Minister. saying that the row threatens to dwarf previous arguments about money for science. "With a little extra money we can escape from this dilemma. Something will have to give. he

Science briefing, page 14

# Liner sails after Cunard pays £15m for damage

Egyptian authorities released the Cunard liner Royal Viking Sun yesterday after a £15 million fine was paid for damage caused by the ship to coral reefs in the Red Sea this month. The fine was paid by the International Protection Club, a maritime insurance fund. The ship will be towed in the next 24 hours to Greece, where it will be

The British-owned liner, with more than 500 passengers on board, scraped the recis on April 4, tearing a three-yard gash in its hull. Nobody was hurt in the accident, but it meant the end of a three-month world cruise for which passengers had paid up to £21,000.

#### Oxford student cleared

A former Oxford Union president who was barred from office for alleged electoral malpractice has won his appeal against the judgment. Jonathan Wolf, 2l, a Corpus Christi student, "emerges without a stain on his character", an appeal tribunal found. Mr Wolf, who was accused of preventing one candidate from speaking while aiding another, said he felt "totally vindicated".

#### Beaches 'like cesspits'

Many beaches in Britain's most popular boliday areas are "little better than cesspits", according to a newlypublished beach guide. The North West, including such resorts as Blackpool and Morecambe, had beaches which were "a national disgrace", said the Marine Conservation Society which compiled the guide for the Render's Digest.

#### Motorway jam guide

Huge motorway signs advising drivers how to avoid traffic jams are to be introduced on some busy routes at a cost of £16 million. The overhead signs will appear initially on the MI, MII and parts of the Al and M25, giving warnings of problems and suggesting alternative routes. The system is used widely on the Continent but has never been tried in Britain.

#### Civil servant rebuked

A senior civil servant at the Welsh Office in Cardiff has received a disciplinary warning for criticising MPs outside carnings while in the audience on BBCTV Question Time. William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, was on the panel. The Civil Service Management Code says senior grades must retain "proper reticence in matters of political controversy".

#### Public mansion for rent



In 18-bedroom neo-classical bouse, the 1814 Phili House at Dinton, near Salisbury, is being made available for letting by the National Trust at £25,000 a year on a 40year lease. The tenant would pay the £18,000 huildings insurance and allow public access to the principal rooms two afternoons a week.

The park will remain public.

#### Two share £10.4m jackpot

Two tickets won the National Lottery jackpot of £10.37 million. each winning £5,185,306. Twenty tickets won £159,547 each for matching five balls plus the bonus number and 914 winners receive £2,182 each for four Winning numbers, page 24



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# St Paul's launches fight to save its fallen angels



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In the 1970s St Paul's Cathedral sold some of its Victorian treasures to make more space. Now it wants them back. Dalya Alberge reports on efforts to save them

EXQUISITELY carved cher-ubs and angels from a magnificent 19th-century altarpiece at St Paul's Cathedral will be sold abroad unless £740,000 can be raised to keep them in Britain.

They are among 17 marble

sculptures that survived from the reredos, or altarpiece, designed in the early 1880s by the Victorian architect George Frederick Bodley. Part of the reredos was bombed during the Rifer and Co Poulse per the Blitz, and St Paul's now regrets its decision to sell the remaining sections in the 1970s. Other pieces, according to cathedral staff, are believed to have disappeared when they were laid out in front of the bombed building and people helped themselves to valuable souvenirs.

Canon John Halliburton, who joined the cathedral in 1990, has expressed disbelief that such treasures were sold and wants them back. He said: "They were part of one of the most important decorative schemes of the 19th century. There is nothing to be compared with it, apart from the Houses of Parliament. This is a unique collection. It would be tragic if it went abroad."

He said the pieces had been taken from the cathedral in the age when conservation was not really appreciated. Our master carver, who has been with us since 1959. dreads to think what else

might have gone."
The cathedral now sees the pieces as an integral part of its history, Canon Halliburton added, however, that St Paul's was unlikely to be able to save them because it was already struggling to find £300,000 for the conservation of its other great 19th-century works. The painting The Sea Gives Up Its Dead, by Frederic Leighton, needs £100,000, and ten wood-

altarpiece in the 1880s

Leighton and Sir Edward Poynter require a further £100,000. Leighton and Poynter were among several 19thcentury artists who responded to an appeal in 1858 to create designs for the cathedral.

The marble sculptures were purchased from the cathedral in 1978 for what is believed to be a four-figure sum by John Brandler, from Brentwood in Essex, a dealer in modern British paintings whose di-Albert Museum and Manchester City Art Galleries. Although the sculptures were outside his field, he trusted his eye and took his pick from furniture and works of art which were being sold over five years in the late 1970s from St Paul's.

He recalls his amazement at being able to buy them because it was supposed that, as 19th-century pieces, they did not fit Sir Christopher Wren's vision of St Paul's: "If I hadn't saved them, they would have used them as hardcore. They needed the space to display their silver and gold works of art that would give them an income from tourists. Unbelievably, these pieces were considered unfashionable and in the way.

"They couldn't see beauty from the dirt. They had so many works of art in the cathedral that they didn't appreciate the unfashionable Victorian ones." Mr Brandler has been granted an export licence but he would prefer the pieces to remain in Britain. He loaned them to the Cartwright Hall Museum in Bradford from 1978 until two years ago.

The Victorian Society was among those who protested against the sales in the 1970s. They contacted the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's, urging consultations. In one news paper, Commander Charles Shears, registrar of St Paul's, said: "We are not selling off St Paul's. The whole thing has been blown out of proportion."

It was reported that the value of the antiques - which included chairs and paintings - was decided by the cathedral experts with advice from the antiques trade.

On January 26, 1888, The Times ran a report of the festival at which the new reredos was dedicated in the presence of the Bishop of London and a large congrega-tion. The report said: "A dignified and suitable altarpiece or reredos has hitherto been the great want of St Paul's Cathedral; indeed, without it, the church could not be said to be complete.

It also described the very pieces in Mr Brandler's pos-

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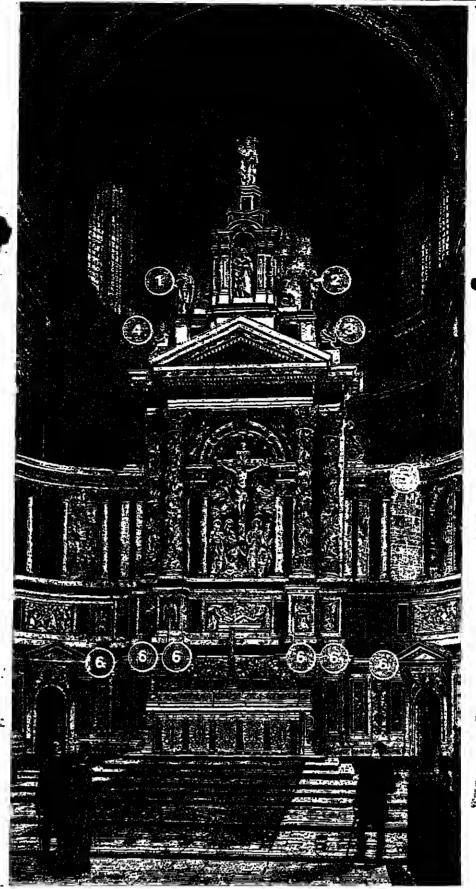
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The alterpiece in its full glory and some of the 17 marble sculptures that survived the Blitz. The cathedral's chancellor said: "It would be tragic if they were sold abroad"

session: "Angels supporting shields of the crossed swords and keys. . . St Paul and St Peter. . . flanked by sculp-tured festoons of fruit and flowers separated by marble panels. The general idea is to express the life of our Lord."

St Paul and St Peter each stand about 54in high, and a series of panels with angels holding symbols of the passion span 3lin by 18in. The collection includes nine unrestored pieces featuring gar-

lands and putti from the original frieze. Judith Bronkburst, a scholar of 19th-century art who has been involved in cataloguing the Victorian collection at St Paul's, said that Bodley was the foremost ecclesiastical architect of his day: "The reredos is an integral part of the 19th-century history of the decoration of the cathedral. It would be a great shame if the opportunity was missed to secure at least some of these pieces."

#### **Purists to** campaign for 'real hymns'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

TRADITIONALISTS are planning a "campaign for real hymns", modelled on the Campaign for Real Ale. David Wright, author of

three books of hymn com-mentaries, believes that traditional hymns, such as those written by Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts, are under attack from popular modern worship songs".

In the Hymn Society bulle-tin, Mr Wright, former lecturer in education at East Anglia University, says: "I dislike religious campaigns but I sense that something radical needs to be done if we are to ensure that real hymns

thrive and survive." He says "real hymns" can include both ancient and modern varieties but must be poetic, express faith, have depth of meaning, rhythm and rhyme, must uplift hearts and minds and must preach

or teach the faith. Examples include Charles Wesley's Christ the Lord is Risen Today, the 19th-century Dear Lord and Father of Mankind and Tell Out my Soul, by the contemporary bymn writer and retired bish op, Timothy Dudley-Smith.

Mr Wright says: Twenty years ago, traditional ale was for old fogeys and people who liked traditional hymns. Camra has transformed the situation. It is now very acceptable to like real ale and even people like me who dislike it can see the success of the campaign."

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Duty and tradition: Elizabeth's reigning devotions

lizabeth Windsor at 70 is not a triumphant Queen. But she is undoubtedly a remarkable one. In this, she follows a distinguished line. Britain's female monarchs have generally had a good press. Apart from Lady Jane Grey, who reigned for len days but had her uncrowned head chopped off, and Bloody Mary, who burnt Protestants and lost Calais, there have been no major disasters.

This may have less to do with female superiority than coincidence: the two most celebrated of our queens, Elizabeth I and Vic-Ioria, happened to have reigned at times of national expansion and success. One reason for a recent shift of opinion on the monarchy could be that Elizabeth II has not been so lucky. It is hard to appear a great monarch if the nation over which you reign is on a slippery slope. The spiralling descent from the age of Churchill to the age of Juhn Major can scarcely be

described as "happy and glorious". Yet Britain's decline since the 1950s might have been even more traumatic but for the continuity and unity embodied in our prosaic and unshowy Head of State, who has provided a vital element of reassurance. Indeed, the Oueen's very limitations may have been an anchor. Her symbolic strength is real but odd. In many ways, she is an enigma. She is by no means a

Ben Pimlott, the Queen's biographer, assesses the strengths and weaknesses of her 44 years on the Throne and finds their origins in national developments and her own personality

ure. Rooted in the tiny stratum that still takes for granted stately homes, large estates and little social contact with people from other sections of society, she remains a wealthy landowner with a passion for horses and dogs. Sheturns more naturally to The Sporting Life than to the Financial Times or the London Review of Books. Privately she is shrewd. sharp, funny and knowledgeable, but firmly non-intellectual and, almost as firmly, philistine.

Publicly, she is a traditionalist.

In contrast to her husband and eldest son, who itch to innovate, her instinct is to leave things as they have always been. A retired courtier said: Monarchs shouldn't be ahead of the times or even abreast of them. But they must never fall far behind them. In recent years she has allowed the monarchy to seem old-fashioned.

On a number of occasions, she has failed to take initiatives where a royal intervention was needed. Her mishandling of the choice of Prime Minister early in her reign resulted in the virtual loss of the most important remaining part of severely criticised for not responding sooner to pressure to pay tax on her private wealth. Long ago, she should have broadened the social and racial mix of people in roval employment.

She may be indicted for failing to exercise enough authority over her children. A recent error was to let the Prince and Princess of Wales send Prince William, second in line to the throne, to Eton. dye-stamping the monarchy until late in the next century - if it survives - as an upper-class Institution. She depends too much on flummery, and a voluntary cutting of costs would be a gesture the public would much

Yet the list of major mistakes is small, given the length of herreign. Until the recent period of Royal Family turmoil, the most striking feature of the Queen's reign was its steadiness. Nobody could accuse her of an excess of imaginacion. Instead she has a quality that used to be a mark of Britain's governing elite but fell out of fashion in the moneygrabbing 1980s: a concept of duty.

appreciate.







The Queen has been required to protect the image of the monarchy without the advantages of national success and expansion that underpinned the reigns of Elizabeth I and Victoria

is expected of her — not much more, but never any less. For nearly half a century she has been true to a vow made on her 21st birthday in 1947 in South Africa, when she declared "that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong". Unlike some politicians, the Oueen regards the modern the Commonwealth - with the

as a creative forum owes much to her personal role. If her relations with left-wing Prime Ministers with Tory ones, that is partly because Labour has taken Commonwealth aspirations more seri-ously, especially in black Africa. She bears herself well in public

and takes seriously what she does. She does not behave as if she were bored, like Edward VIII; or as if she were nervous, like her father, George VI; or as if the whole thing were part of showbusiness, like some of the younger royals. She neither treats her subjects as if they were fans nor strives to be the Queen of people's hearts. She respects the sincere feelings that others, especially older people and children, have towards her and towards what she represents. She is not a spontaneous person and prefers not to reveal her feelings. Thus it is all the more moving when, as at Dunblane, she does.

Royal propaganda claims that she is overworked. By most stan-

subjects work harder and in less cushioned conditions. Yet she is always on call and the strain she has to bear is constant. Her cousin, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was assassinated: an attempt was made to kidnap her daughter, an intruder broke into Buckingham Palace and entered her bedroom; a deranged youth fired a pistel at ber, atrocities have been commit-ted against members of her House hold Guard.

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The pressure of publicity never ends. Her family have suffered more humiliation at the hands of the press - and of daughters-inlaw - than the Royal Family has had to endure since the early 19th century. Yet she has retained her dignity and the respect of the nation as the distillation of a dated but commendable form of British ness. She has many admirers and few enemies: how many elected heads of state, after ten years let

alone 44, could say the same?. The climax of the Corocation Service in 1953 came with the acclamation "Long live Queen Elizabeth, may the Queen live for ever!" - a form of words handed down from Anglo-Saxon practice. Today, viewing an uncertain future, there are politicians as well. as courtiers who fervently mutter the same prayer.

Ben Pimlott's biography of the Queen will be published by HarperCollins later this year.

# Luxury that made royals want to join the inn crowd

By Robin Young

CELEBRATING the seventieth birthday of the head of the family at a local restaurant may be the choice of most of middle England these days. The Royal Family had an extra incentive for wanting to abandon their own dining room for the occasion: Britain's only three-star Michelin restaurant outside London is

close to their Windsor home. The Waterside Inn. at the end of a narrow lane in Bray, Berkshire, occupies a magical location on the banks of the Thames. Its co-founder and driving force. Michel Roux. celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday on Saturday night in the private dining room which was reserved last night for the

royal party. The dining rooms, decorated in exquisite French taste. look out on to the genily flowing water through the fronds of an ancient weeping willow, and have been renowned for years as Britain's premier showcase for classic

French cuisine. The inn is justly famous as a wonderful place to enjoy good food in a cosseted but unoppressive almosphere. The set direct alone is £66.50, and the wine list is said to be "as French as the Eiffel Tower, with prices somewhat higher". A regular who has been going for years said yesterday: "Customers often laugh ruefully when presented with the bill, acknowledging that they have had a good time and that it

was worth it after all." The restaurant, a white and black pebble-dashed building with a modern dining room bolted on to the back, was created in 1972 by the Roux brothers. Albert and Michel. It became the domain of Michel, the warm and effusive one in a partnership that has proved the most successful and influential in the British restaurant trade, and one of the most popular cookery double acts seen on television. The food at the



Michel Roux at the Waterside Inn. He maintains high standards and secrecy: "I never talk about what customers choose," he said

subtle and refined flavours of vegetables". classic French cuisine. Many of the dishes, such as poached eggs and asparagus in a mousseline sauce, depend upon split-second timing for an effect that makes them more exciting than they sound. Other specialities include duck poached in jasmine tea and roasted in honey, a lobster bisque of "amazing power", and a navarin of lamb "fragrant

On Saturday night, M Roux's guests included Albert, now an international consultant. The three-star chef Nico Ladenis from Chez Nico at Ninety Park Lane, and Richard Shepherd of Langan's Brasserie. M Roux's own birthday menu included crab thermidor, roast suckling pig with compote of apples. French cheeses and larte aux mirabelles. M Roux would

Waterside specialises in the with the perfumes of spring oot discuss any menu that Pompldou and de Gaulle, ing but marvellous match. neight have been ordered for "But I think I can say one dish and then "a gorgeous combithe Queen. He is very diplomatic, having served two years as a pastry chef in the British Embassy in Paris before doing his national service and then becoming personal chef to Cecile de

Rothschild. "I have never talked about what any customers choose to eat, either before or after a meal," said M Roux, who has also cooked before Presidents

has long been one for which the Waterside is famous."

That could have been the Douillel Dubarry, an asionishing marbled terrine of chicken, artichoke and foie gras, accompanied with a scoop of intensely flavoured cauliflower cream, which the Good Food Guide has singled out for praise for two consecutive years. It was

described first as "a surpris-

nation of textures".

M Roux, still French after 29 years in Britain, qualified as a pastry chef, became a Meilleur Ouvrier de France in that craft in 1976 and was made Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Mérite in 1987.

Individual dishes at the Waterside cost up to £34 à la carte. Weekday lunch is from E28.50.

#### Order of service

The service at the Church of St Mary Magdelen, Sandringham, yesterday was Matins from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. All read-ings taken from the King James Bible. But where possible, namely at the welcome," in the prayers and doring the sermon, the Rector refers to the Queen's birthday.

Start: congregation sings first verse of oational anthem. Canon George Hall, Rector of Sandringham and Chaplaio to the Queen, welcomes everybody and reads ootices. He mentions that it is the Queen's 70th birthday and wishes her a happy day. Hymn: Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer. Confession and Absolution. The Lord's Prayer. Versicles and ootices. He mentions that it

Responses. Psalm 24. First Lesson: Ezekiel xxxiv. 11-16. Te Deum. Second Lesson: John z. 11-16: Jubilate. Creed. Collects. Prayers: as laid out in the Book of Common Prayer, except for the opening pray "As we celebrate Her Majesty's birthday today, let us pray for Her Majesty the

Hymn: God of Mercy. God of Grace. Sermoo. Hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the Height. Blessing.

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# Gut reaction puts doctors on trail of mystery agent

FOR a generation, doctors have been searching for an organism that could be responsible for Crohn's disease. It has been assumed there might be an infective agent that could trigger an abormal immunological response, giv-ing rise to ulceration and inflamation of the gut in patients with an aberrant genetic make-up.

Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammatory disease that could strike any part of the gastro-intestinal tract from the mouth to the anus, is one of the more unpleasant afflic-tions that predominantly affects younger people. At different times chlamydia and the microbacteria have been implicated. More recent research has suggested that the measles virus could be involved: a worrying premise, as a weakened virus is used in immunisation programmes. Equally disturbing, when dairy farmers are being harried over BSE, is the suggestion that the organism which may trigger Crohn's disease in genetically susceptible young people is transmined by milk. Professor John Hermon-

Taylor of St George's Hospi-



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

tal, London, has opened the case again against microbacteria, in particular Mycobacterium paratuberculosis, or MparaTB. This organism is known to vets as the cause of Johne's disease, an incurable inflammation affecting the bowels of canle. MparaTB is not destroyed by standard pasteurisation and therefore could be a possible source of infection in humans. Professor Hermon-Taylor is reported to have found evidence of MparaTB in three quarters of the patients he has treated for Crohn's disease.

George is a fairly typical sufferer from Crohn's disease. Aged 25, he was the life and soul of his rugby club and was outgoing, emotionally wellorientated and fit. There was no family history of Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis: both inflammatory bowel discases can occur in the same family. George suddenly developed severe diarrhoea, as-sociated with heavy bleeding. a high temperature, pain and rapid, severe weight loss. He was so ill that he became disorientated.

As in many cases, the maximal abdominal tenderness was over the junction of the small and large intestines, just where the appendix lies, so it can mimic appendicitis. Treat-ment is aimed at inducing a remission of symptoms and George is now in remission.

Steroids are usually needed to achieve this remission. Recently a new presentation of the Entocort CR budesonide, which mainly acts locally in the gut and therefore has fewer side effects, has given encouraging results.

#### Winter storms uncover mines along coastline

winter have exposed large numbers of unexploded Second World War anti-tank mines along the English coast as far apari as Cornwall and north Norfolk [Michael Horsnell writest. Army and Royal Navv

homb disposal officers have

bank protecting the shoreline between Sulthuuse and Cley next the Sea. Norfolk. They were laid shortly after the fall of France in 1940 when a German invasion was thought imminent. The Al49 road between them has been closed and warning notices posted on uncovered six mines with 50th the beach. Disposal teams are

charges around the shingle



also searching for evolosives after three 201b mines were detonated at Longsands beach at Tregantic, Cornwall. The has been closed



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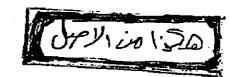
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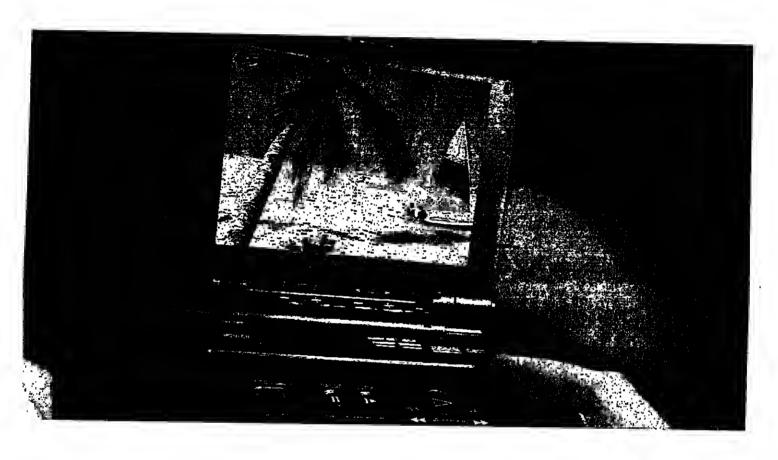
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Law Society and Bar conference

# Women lawyers launch campaign to oust Mears

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN lawyers are fighting lo oust Martin Mears, president of the Law Society, after he accused some of being "discrimination zealots" who thrived on "heresy-hunting". Mr Mears said it was

nonsense to suggest that women were held back by prejudice, but delegates were told that he represented the "forces of darkness" in the

Alison Parkinson, chairwoman of the Association of Women Solicitors, called for action to tackle the Law Socileadership after Mr Mears's comments at a conference of women lawyers and judges. She urged all solicitors present to vote, and to encourage their friends to vote and stand for seats on the Law Society council.

The president lambasted the feminist and politically correct lobby at a conference on Saturday organised by the Bar and Law Society and sponsored by The Times. He said it

was absurd to say that women lawyers were "some kind of honorary minority" who faced discrimination, when they now accounted for most entrants to the solicitors' profession, "It is a nonsense and a fiction to assert that there is any kind of prejudice against women anywhere in the public sector or quasi-public sector. The exact opposite is the

The conference in London, titled The Woman Lawyer: Changing the Culture, is the second to be held. Last year's caused similar controversy when Eileen Pembridge, a Law Society council member. accused the society of failing to tackle sexual harassment, On Saturday Ms Pembridge, who fought Mr Mears for the presidency last year, said he represented the "forces of

She added: "Now you can see what we are up against. Mr Mears would not he here if there were not plenty of men



Pembridge: said plenty shared Mears's views

in the profession who hold his

At the conference Mr Mears criticised the rise in tribunal cases over "indirect discrimination" and claimed that minority groups were abused to promote such grievances. nority lawyers he met had the same concerns as any other solicitor and wished to be treated as such, not given special privileges, he said. Their attitude is very different from that of some of the discrimination zealots who thrive on grievances and heresy-hunting and use minorities as raw material for their whinge factories."

The "discrimination industry" rarely rejoiced at the minorities, he said. Instead they found further grievances in the shape of the concept of indirect discrimination". Mr Mears's comments

brought an immediate clash with the chairman of the Bar, David Penry-Davey, QC, who said: "Martin, I profoundly believe you are wrong. There are those organisations or individuals who seek to take advantage, rightly or wrongly of equal opportunities policy. It does not mean that there is no problem: I believe there is a problem," Mr Penry-Davey



added that the Bar, which has just launched an equal opportunities code, would not be sidetracked by accusations of political correctness from the path we know to be right".

Laura Cox, OC, conference chairman, said Mr Mears's comments were "remarkable - comic and tragic in equal

proportions" and a clear illustration of how much the culture had to change. The guest speaker at the conference, Lesley Abdela, an equal opportunities expert, said: "As a first step towards changing the culture, we will vote out Martin Mears," He will stand for re-election in the summer.

In his speech, Mr Mears em-phasised that his concern was about "abuses" of equal opportunities laws, not the principles. "Hardly a week goes by without some new example of zealotry and heresy-hunting.

He criticised Michael

tary, for considering "abolishing the taboo against female combat soldiers". Such a taboo should be reinforced, Mr Mears said. "An equal opportunity to kill? It sounds an odd

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### **Cherie Booth** attacks sexism in legal profession

cused the legal profession of sex discrimination and called for a new attitude to work and family in which men and

women are equal partners.

Ms Booth told a conference for women lawyers in London at the weekend that the issue of women's careers in the law was fied up with "how to get a balance in our lives and fulfil ourselves through work, but

not at our families' expense". The wife of the Labour leader, a mother to three children who has reached the top ranks of the Bar as a Queen's Counsel, accused many men of being one-dimensional. They are dedicated to their work and miss out on their families. We, as women, are determined to balance." In achieving that, Ms Booth added, women

could liberate men as well. Despite the advances of women at the Bar over the 20 years of her career, in which the numbers of women had risen from less than 10 per cent to more than 40 per cent. Ms Booth said successful women were undermined by accusations of "tokenism" and such comments made her

angry.
"I look forward to seeing more women as silks and as judges. But what really annoys me is the suggestion that someone got on because she was a woman. That is an insult to the hard work and effort of women who have come up through the system and managed to succeed."

Mrs Justice Arden, a High Court judge and chairman of the Law Commission, similarly called for a new partnership between men and women in the home. She loid the conference: "We need to change the culture so that the responsibility of bringing up children and running the home is not

Mrs Justice Arden, whose husband, Sir Jonathan Mance, is also a High Court judge, said: "It is the responsibility of women — but it is also that of the men. Why should it be the woman who has to leave early to go to the school play — why not the man?

She said that if this step in changing attitudes was achieved, then women would not be "forced to act like men". At present, she said, they "have to abide by men's working practices and attitudes. If we recognise that men and women should take responsibility for children and the home, this would be a momen-

Mrs Justice Arden gave women three practical tips to further their careers: to do their professional work to the best of their abilities; to do something extra outside work to raise their profiles, and to join a network such as the associations for women barristers or solicitors.



# Barrister change 'may be unlawful'

PLANS to extend the time it and conduct on April 29. It is takes to qualify as a barrister could be unlawful and discriminatory, women barristers have claimed. The accusation came as the Bar launched an equality code which aims to convey a strong message that it will root out

discrimation. David Penry-Davey QC. Bar chairman, told the weekend conference that equality of opportunity would be judged by the extent to which all women fulfilled their potential: "We recognise it is not sufficient to have a few highly visible and successful women at the Bar."

However, the Association of Women Barristers criticaed separate proposal in which entrants will no longer be called to the Bar after their Bar finals, but will have to undertake six months' training in chambers. The association said this would severely disadvantage women and ethnic minorities — who find it harder to obtain a training place in chambers — and those employed in government, commerce and industry. where there were dispropor tionately more women than in

private practice. The proposal will go before the Lord Chancellor's advalso opposed by the Middle Temple and by barristers in

the government legal service. The association cited figures showing the proportion of women at the "employed" Bar (outside private practice) are greater than in private practice: of 2,495 barristers in government, commerce and industry. 38 per cent are women, but women make up only one-lifth of barristers in private practice. Among the ethnic minority barristers "called" or qualifying in 1994. 62 per cent of men and 42 per cent of women were not in private practice, against 40 per cent of white men and 34

per cent of white worder. Barbara Hewson, the asso ciation chairwoman, said the proposals would have an indirect discriminatory effect: "This will be unlawful, unless the Bar can produce some objective justification."

Niall Morison, chief executive of the Bar Council, said the change would make more sense of barristers' qualifications. At present, students qualified but did not obtain the right to take cases in court until they had six months' training in chambers. The Bar was aware of concern and would want to remedy and minimise any adverse effects

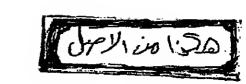


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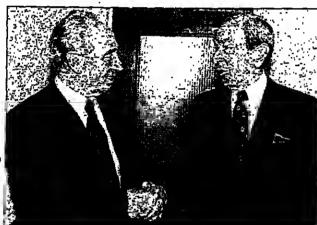
From Christopher Walker in jerusalem

WAR raged unabated for the eleventh consecutive day in Lebanon and northern Israel yesterday, as international attempts led by the United States to halt the violence which cost 150 lives and left 300 people wounded ran into

Such is the gravity of the threat posed by the fighting to the fragile Middle East peace process that France, Russia and the European Union were competing with the Americans in attempts to find a quick solution. Israel ruled out serious consideration of the peace blueprints except that drawn up by the State Department. understood to be the most sympathetic to the Israeli

As the diplomats were talking in different capitals in a peace drive unprecedented in recent Middle East history, Israel ordered an inquiry led by a brigadier-general, whose identity remains secret, into the causes of Thursday's mas-sacre at the United Nations base, close to Tyre in southern Lebanon, that claimed 102 victims and altered the course

of Operation Grapes of Wrath. In the eerie northern Israeli ghost town of Kiryat Shmona, more of the population, now down from 23,000 to 2,000. decided to flee south as the Katyusha rockets fired by Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas continued to fall. Within the Israel Defence



Mr Peres greets Mr Christopher at the start of their

DIPLOMARES

Katyushas, after 11 days of a blitz in which more than 500 have thudded into the biblical Galilee region, led to bitter recriminations. Senior officers blamed Israeli military intelligence for failing to estimate the amount of weaponry avail-

able to Hezbollah. Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, shuttled between Damascus and Jerusalem on what officials said was the most vital and punishing diplomatic mission of his career. Speaking in Israel before leaving for his second visit in 48 hours to Syria, be said that he was confident of an eventual cease-

#### Pope renews peace call

Rome: The Pope de-nounced a week of incredible violence" in the Middle East and said Lebanese civilians were suffering the most from actions hard to justify. Pilgrims in St Peter's Square yesterday heard him add: "To the combatants on both sides and those who share their positions. I repeat that true peace and true justice can-not be achieved through the hatred of violence and

According to diplomats close to the fraught negotiations, which continued last night when Mr Christopher returned again to Damascus. one of the main sticking points remained Israeli demands that attacks must cease on its soldiers, and those of its client militia, the South Lebanon Army, inside the occupied Lebanese "security zone" as part of the package.

Peres said.

fire, but difficult questions still

remained. Senior Western and Israeli

officials estimated that the

negotiations to end the fight-

ing could be completed by the

end of this week. But it was

emphasised last night that any

spectacular Islamic suicide at-

tack against Jews inside Israel or abroad to coincide with

Wednesday's symbolic 48th anniversary of the founding of

the Jewish state could wreck

the process.

Mr Christopher, who has yet to reveal details of the

secret American peace plan,

said, after what he described

as "an excellent meeting" with

Shimon Peres, the Israeli

Prime Minister: "We have

some difficult questions to

work through. But I feel

confident that, with his help

and with the assistance of other people in the region, we

will ultimately achieve our

The Israeli Cabinet ruled

out a unilateral ceasefire and

Mr Christopher refused to set

any deadline for securing an

end to the two-way cross-

border exchange of rockets

and shells, augmented by

continuing strikes by Israeli

warplanes and naval guns.

"We have to be patient yet for

another period of time," Mr

goals."

As the talking continued, there was widespread agreement that the troubled Israeli operation has benefited President Assad of Syria, Contrary to what everbody had been saying, that Hezbollah will determine the outcome of the Israeli elections, Hemi Shalev in the Tel Aviv paper Maariv wrote: "It is really the old fox from Damascus, with five foreign ministers now at his



United Nations workers evacuate a baby from Yater village in south Lebanon yesterday

### Angry Arab voters vow to ensure Peres poll defeat

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ISRAELI Arabs protesting against Israel's blitz on southem Lebanon had to be dispersed by police using teargas and baton charges in Nazareth at the weekend.

The anger of the Israeli Arab community, which forms more than 10 per cent of the country's electorate is tangible. One poster accused Labour of being a Govern-ment of "killing, pillaging and closure", a reference to the continued blockade of the occupied West bank and Gaza PHOTESTS

The Israeli Arab rioters, in scenes reminiscent of the Palestinian intifada, used stones and bottles to attack the police. Abd Wahad Darawshe, leader of the Arab Democratic Party, which has two seats in the Knesset, told protesters: "Peres does not consider the opinions of the Arabs of Israel: therefore, we must not allow him to win the elections."

There is growing consterna-tion inside the Labour campaign headquarters as polls

Shimon Peres the massive popular boost expected. "Labour's big fear is that international pressure will force Israel into an uncomfortable agreement that the frightwing opposition] Likud could use for its own purposes," wrote political journalist Orly Azulai-Katz

Labour's internal polls show there is a much higher proportion of floating voters than was previously estimated. In the past these have tended to float towards the more hawkish Likud party on

### Plight of Qana's victims unites **Lebanon factions**

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN BEIRUT

A BEJEWELLED and wellcoiffured woman in a Pontiac lowered her window and pushed a bundle of crumpled notes at a scruffy young Hezboliah welfare worker collecting money for the 400,000 people displaced by Israel's 11-day blitz of southern

"Our bearts are with the homeless and the victims of Qana." she said, before screeching off down Hamra Street, an exclusive shopping area in bustling central Beirut. A loudspeaker on a battered yellow Hezbollah Mer-cedes parked on the pavement blared out spiritstirring Mahler and sang the praises of the Katyusha

Business was brisk. Lebanese army soldiers, traffic policemen, and one in five drivers gave money. "Qana has united us,"

said a businessman sipping a beer at a pave-ment café. "It's not that we sup-port Hezbollah: it's our sympathy for the people." The newspaper he was reading predicted that after

the "crucifixion" at Qana would come the "resurrection" of Lebanon as a united country. Outrage over the massacre would accelerate the healing of Lebanon's sec-tarian civil war wounds, it said. Christians were donating food, clothes and medicine to the homeless Shia Muslims of the south.

Today shops, offices and factories will be closed as the holds a day of mourning for the refugees killed last Thursday by Israeli artillery shells at the United Nations base in Qana, south of Tyre, where they had sought sanctuary. A four-year-old boy died yesterday from wounds suffered in the sbelling of the base, bringing the number of dead so far in the massacre to 102, many of them women and children. A UN military investigator inspected the base and said he wanted to interview the Israeli artillery officer responsible. Despite the massacre and

intensive diplomacy that

REFUGEES

has followed, military action continued unabated. Hezbollah fired Katyushas across the border at the weekend and Israel maintained its ferocious bombardment by land. air and sea. Two Lebanese soldiers and a civilian were killed in air attacks on Saturday. More than 150 Lebanese mostly civilians, have died in the fighting. Some 50 Israelis

have been wounded. For a fourth day yesterday. the delivery of food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies for the people of southern Lebanon was delayed for hours because Israeli gunboats were shelling the main coastal road, just north of Sidon. Three motorists were

wounded. Hezbollah has no known presence around Sidon, and cer-**6** Gunboats tainly its Katyusha rockets are again could not reach holding the

from the city. whole of The gunboats are again hold-Lebanon ing the whole of Lebanon hos-tage," said a sehostage 🤊 nior Information Ministry official. "If this

shelling isn't state terrorism, tell me what is." It is perhaps no coincidence that Syria's influence in Leba-

non begins just north of Sidon's Awall bridge. Under an informal agreement with Israel, none of Syria's 35,000 troops in Lebanon steps south of the red line marked by the Awall River. Israel bolds Syria, the main

power-broker in Lebanon. mostly responsible for not curbing Hezbollah. And it is Syria, never directly involved, that is emerging as the winner in this latest proxy confrontation with Israel, according to many Arab and some Western commentators.

Certainly, President As-sad's prestige has been enhanced by the number of Western foreign ministers beating a path to his door this weekend to seek his help in fixing a truce. However, until the guns fall silent, the dead of Qana are unlikely to be bur-

# Blitz on guerrillas like 'tiger trying to catch a mosquito'

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER posed to avoid civilian casual-

LEADING Israeli military and political commentators are agreed that the five sbells fired by an Israeb ISSoum howitzer towards a crowded United Nations base last Thursday have gravely damaged Operation Grapes of Wrath, which yesterday intensified beyond all the ten previous days.

No excuse and no explanation can allay the impression of devastation and damage made by the pictures that were broadcast all over the globe of the mangled bodies of dozens of Lebanese victims," wrote Hami Shalev on the front page of Maariv. From Thursday evening, Israel is again bogged down in the Lebanese mud."

Arieh O'Sullivan, distinguished defence analyst of the right-wing Jerusalem Post, agreed: "More than 12,000 artillery shells were fired with surgical precision into Leba-non in the [first] eight days of Operation Grapes of Wrath. The Israel Defence Force has boasted of accurate hits and showed off its sophisticated weaponry, which was sup-

ties," be observed. But it took just five deadly

rounds from a 155mm howitzer to bring the meticulously planned operation crashing down. The shelling of innocent refugees will go down in history as the turning point in Israel's latest foray into Lebanon."

Writing in Haaretz, Zeev Schiff, the doyen of Israeli defence commentators, noted that, whatever the operational IDFS attempt to stop Hezbollah from firing Katyushas into northern Israel is like a tiger trying to catch a mosquito in his teeth." Much of the blame for what

was acknowledged by many Israelis as a public-relations disaster of the first water was heaped on the determination of the Israel Defence Force to overrate the capability of new weapons technology and the power of many of the top generals to dominate Shimon

THE TANK OF THE PERSON OF THE causes of the massacre, its

background.

ambitions as set out when the blitz on Lebanon was launched 12 days ago. Mr Schiff also attacked the top brass of the IDF for failing to realise that

widescale political repercus-

sions had damaged Israeli

airstrikes are ineffective against such small targets as Katyusha rocket-launchers. Making the same point, Mr O'Sullivan noted: "Despite all its bravado and state-of-the-

Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, who had no military

"Unlike Yitzhak Rabin (the late Prime Minister and a former chief of staff, who would have discussed with the heads of the army every little tactical step and would have been familiar with every hill and plain on the map, Peres is a civil Defence Minister who prefers to concentrate on the strategic picture," wrote Yoel Marcus, a columnist, who added that Mr Peres's domestic reputation will be tested by the results "in that the mountain will not beget a molehill".

Many seasoned war correspondents have been taken aback by the boylike enthusiasm with which top Israeli military commanders have shown off their sophisticated military toys, offering sanitised videos of "clean strikes" and apparently taking their cue from the daily press conferences which the Western allies gave in Saudi Arabia in 1991, when the airstrikes were launched on Baghdad.

"Then, as now, the military brass did not take account of the way that television has transformed modern warfare. especially so-called low-intensity operations," one Western intelligence expert said. "On that occasion you bad Peter Arnett and his CNN cameras on the ground, telling their version of the reality, and the same happened in south Lebanon on Thursday: what good are Israeli claims of pinpoint accuracy against such images

# weapon systems, the

### Identity clue aids hunt for killers

FROM REUTER

EGYPITAN police were yes-terday combing the country's southern provinces for four gummen who massacred 17 tourists and an Egyptian in Cairo on Thursday, after descriptions of the men tallied with those of three others on the run, according to news-

paper reports.
The official daily Al-Ahram and Al-Gomhouriya said police were looking for three gummen who hijacked a lorry and killed its driver near the village of Kafadah, in Minya province, on Friday Al-Ahram said descriptions

given of the militants fitted

reports by witnesses of Thurs-

day's attack in front of Cairo's

Europa Hotel. Witnesses to

the Cairo and Minya attacks said the assailants spoke with

a southern accent. Egypt's largest militant orgiya, on Friday claimed responsibility for the attack on the tourists. The group said it had planned to kill Israelis

Egypt's southern provinces of Assiut and Minya have been a bastion for the militant group fighting to overthrow the Government of President Mubarak since 1992.

The organisation has attacked senior officials, policemen, Egyptian Christians and tourists as part of its campaign to turn the country into a strict Islamic state.



# US sends warships and diplomatic team to Liberia

By Ian Brodie in washington and Our Foreign Staff

THE United States deployed a Africans but included 32 Lebaguarded show of force yesterday and sent a diplomatic mission to try to end the factional fighting that has wracked Liberia.

Four warships with 1,500 Marines on board appeared offshore from Monrovia, the capital, before dawn. Helicop-ters were soon swooping low over the city to drop 200 Marines at the American Em-bassy as replacements for paratroops guarding the compound for a week. The Marines will be able to provide humanitarian assistance. As the Marines flew in,

militia gunmen holed up in a barracks in the Liberian capital freed 127 people, including 7! foreigners, among thousands of civilians trapped there, peacekeepers said. The African peacekeeping force, Ecomog, said it secured the release of the people after negotiations that also enabled it to take control of central Monrovia after two weeks of militia warfare and looting.

Residents emerged cautiously into the streets last night. Families with bundles headed home and generators hummed around the city centre as businessmen began clearing up their looted shops. Scores of bodies, half-eaten by to be lying unclaimed around the city, nine along just one block of Randall Street, which leads towards the Barclay Training Centre, the symbol of resistance by the Krahn tribe.

More than 200 people have now been freed from the barracks, according to an Ecomog statement. The foreigners were mostly West

By IAN BROOIE

THE CIA broke with a tradi-

tion of secrecy yesterday to announce that John Craven

had won its Scientist of the

It did so because Dr Cra-

ven, who has been a quadriplegic since 1971 when his

Year award.

nese, five Pakistanis and two Chinese, the statement said. American helicopters which have evacuated 2,000 foreigners, including 430 Americans, airlifted 78 other foreigners who left the besieged Barclay Training Centre on Saturday

Peacekeepers patrolled several areas of the city last night and there were no reports of

The fighting pits Krahn followers of Roosevelt Johnson against militia loyal to Charles Taylor and Alhaji Kroma. vice-chairmen on the ruling Council of State. Many of the combatants are armed boys not yet in their teens.

President Clinton and his advisers are wary of becoming



A boy carrying goods, allegedly looted from a shop, through the streets of Monrovia

CIA reveals a scientific secret

oeck was broken in a beach

accident, has made revolu-

tionary scientific advances

typing into a computer by holding a pointer in his

He was given the award for

three projects, one of which is

secret, but the others deal with

massively increasing the

too involved in the West African country, founded by freed American slaves, after their experience in Somalia; on Africa's east coast, where IS Americans were killed in a single day trying to arrest a warlord.

The American diplomatic mission, led by William Twaddell, a State Department official, includes members of Mr Clinton's National Sec-

urity Council and officers working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They will act as brokers in the hope of extending a shaky ceasefire among the rival warlords after two weeks of chaos, death and a frenzy of looting unprecedented even by Liberian standards.

A White House statement said Washington was concerned about the breakdown of law and order and the loss of innocent lives. Factional leaders were urged to allow humanitarian assistance into Monrovia and to honour a peace agreement they reached last August that set up a transitional government. The Washington envoys will deliver a warning to the leaders, emphasising that America would not support any government that comes to power

in Liberia by force. Lorenzo Dorr, medical officer at the Barclay centre, said he was seeing fewer wounded patients, but with primitive conditions cholera was on the rise, with 300 cases, 100 of them fatal.

☐ Moorovia: Mohamed Doumuyan, Chief of Staff of the Liberian armed forces. was shot dead by Krahn fighters, a government state-ment said. (AFP)

speed of computers and

improving laser beam tech-

nology over long distances.

"I've never really thought of

myself as a 'spook'. Dr Craven said yesterday at his

home near Washington. "We

consider ourselves scientists

who just bappen to be work-

ing for the Government."

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A Sri Lankan soldier advances towards Tamil rebel positions in the Jaffna peninsula, where hand-tohand fighting was reported between overnment troops and guerrillas. Infantry were supported by jets which bombed Tamil positions. But claims of strategic gains by the army

#### Jets and gunships pound Tamils

the capital. Colombo. Figures released by the military said about 25 soldiers were wounded and two killed in the fighting while security

prompted fears of revenge attacks in forces recovered the bodies of 46 rebels. The Defence Ministry said Tigers had lost more than 80 men acquisition, Israeli-built jets, were

pressed into bombing behind enemy lines yesterday, while helicopter gunships and navy gunboats pounded a flotilla of 15 rebel boats, the ministry added. In London, a statement by the Tigers claimed helicopters attacked civilians trying to flee from the military onslaught. (AFP)

# **Gun lobby condemns British curbs**

FROM TOM RHODES IN DALLAS

UNTIL a few months ago Dunblane was unknown to most American gun owners. but in Dallas yesterday the tragedy in a small Scottish school was at the heart of their struggle to maintain the right

At the annual convention in a city made famous by the assassination of a former President, top officials from the National Rifle Association (NRA) launched a vehement assault on strict British gun controls which they claimed could never prevent another Dunblane.

The system in the United Kingdom does not work at all." Neal Knox, the organisation's vice-president, said. "All the restrictions could not prevent a lunatic like Thomas

Hamilton from doing what he did and now the response is that Britain wants to tighten the law even further. There have never been any examples of gun laws having an effect

on violent crime." The comments by Mr Knox and other leading NRA members were the most tangible evidence yet that events such as Dunblane and the Oklahoma City bombing last year. combined with a radical antigovernment platform. have started to exact a toll on moderate membership of the

Tanya Metaksa, its chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill, said the incidents had been used to stigmatise her association. "The gun laws in Britain are so onerous that they affect the

rights of freedom. They do not prevent people from committing a crime," she said.

Among the delegates sifting through weapons on display at the Dallas convention centre, the sentiment was much the same. The American Constitution has become the main symbol in their battle against President Clinton, the man they consider the most anti-gun President in Ameri-

Although the NRA has more than three million members, numbers have dropped by more than 400,000 in the past year and finances which helped to elect a Republican Congress in 1994 have plummeted to a deficit of \$51.5 million (£34.3 million). Despite promises to see the repeal of Mr Clinton's ban on 19 types of assault weapon, the organisation has recognised that pushing for such unpopular legislation this year may harm the chances of electing the sympathetic Senator Bob Dole to the White House.

It was left to Charlton Heston, the veteran Hollywood actor, to bring the room to its feet with a resounding defence of the Constitution. The Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms connects us to all that is right about America ... It shows us a path to pursue for liberty. but being politically correct is not the way to get there. If Americans believed in political correctness we would still be King George's boys subject to the British Crown," he said.

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#### Dole team attacked over funds

Washington: Serious but disputed accusations were levelled against Bob Dole's presidential campaign yesterday, charging that it may have received thousands of dollars in illegally laundered contributions (lan Brodie writes). If true, the allegations could further embarrass the Republican Senate leader, already within \$2 million (£1.3 million)

of campaign spending limits. The Kansas City Star said staff at a Massachusetts sportto give money to the campaign in exchange for cash reimbursements — said to total \$40,000. Their boss is a Republican fundraiser.

#### Lawyer's death investigated

New York: Police are investigating a car crash that killed one of the most prominent lawyers in America (Quentin Letts writes). Stephen Meyers, 53, co-founder of Jacoby & Meyers, a chain of litigation shops", died at the wheel of his car in Connecticut. Mr Meyers recently ended his parmership with Leonard Jacoby. He and his wife Millie were closely involved in the early stages of Bill Clinton's campaign in 1992.

#### Reformists do well in Iran poll

Tehran: In bitterly fought elections that left no group in absolute control, Iranian conservatives lost their overall majority in parliament thanks to a challenge by Servants of Iran's Construction, a newly formed band of reformists. Some analysts said the conservative Combatant Clergy Association would end up with only 120 of the 270 seats, 20 fewer than at present. (Reuter)

### Blizzard spoils

failed in her attempt to fly to the North Pole for a picnic. Marylou Whitney was frustrated by a week-long blizzard and had to settle for landing at the magnetic North Pole (Quentin Letts writes). The septuagenarian Mrs Whitney said she was "disappointed" but might try again next year.

### China talks fail to heal rift FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

MALCOLM RIFKIND'S meeting at the weekend with China's Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen, failed to bridge the widening chasm between Britain and China over the future of Hong Kong.

The core of the crisis was

exposed yesterday when Governor Chris Patten suggested that China's policies for Hong Kong were a recipe for social turmoil. not community har-

mony". Mr Rifkind described himself as satisfied with his twohour conversation with Mr Qian in The Hague, and suggested that the people of Hong Kong would feel "great pleasure and reassurance".

But Mr Qian's spokesman said: Britain has to face reality. This applied specifically, he said, to China's intention to establish a parallel government here before the an appointed legislative council. The spokesman went on to describe this as a closed

Mr Rifkind's anodyne remarks were in marked con-trast to Mr Patten's. The Governor referred to a "hamstrung" Bill of Rights and to the "snuffing out of the spirit of democracy". Mr Patten also described the survival of the present council as "a litmus test of what else will

### Rifkind's | Malan trial papers link Buthelezi to 'dirty war' on ANC

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi, South Africa's Home Affairs Minister, has been more closely implicated in the apartheid state's "dirty war" against the African National Congress by secret documents.

The papers suggest the Inkatha Freedom Party leader was fully aware of the "offensive" nature of covert Inkatha paramilitary units used to assassinate ANC opponents during the 1980s. The disclosures threaten to exacerbate the fraught political situation in KwaZulu/Natal province.

The documents were hand-ed into court on Friday in the case against General Magnus Malan, the former Defence Minister, and a group of military chiefs who, with Inkatha officials, are on trial



Buthelezi: opposed

for murder in connection with Operation Marion - codename for clandestine South African Defence Force support for Inkatha. It sought to undermine the ANC and was allegedly behind the 1985 massacre of 13 people at a support-er's home near Durban.

In one document, army commander Kat Liebenberg allegedly said the operation would create a small, fulltime offensive element which can be used covertly against the UDF/ANC". The documents, for the first time, also point a finger at the former apartheid police generals Johan van der Merwe, Basie

Smit and Jac Buchner. The trial has heard how M. Z. Khumalo, Chief Buthelezi's then personal assistant, acted as go-between with the apartheid defence force in planning operations.

The documents also show how in 1985 Chief Buthelezi dismissed a campaign to have the ANC unbanned and Nelson Mandela released from prison as "irresponsible" while, in public, he was calling for the future President's sentence to be lifted.

Local government elections set for May 29 hang in the balance after the ANC in the province called for their postponement because of escalaring violence. Inkatha has threatened to pull out of the Government if the poll is delayed. A decision will be taken later this week.

### polar picnic

New York: A rich widow has

# Prejudice darkens Olympic torch route

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

POLITICAL correctness has hit the Olympic Games. The Olympic lorch, symbol of peace and reconciliation, will not be run through an Atlanta suburb represented by Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, because its residents are considered to be homophobic.

The people of Cobb County hoped to watch the flame being paraded down their tree-lined streets, but Games organisers have found an alternative route after profesiers complained about a focus on the excitement of the event and

1993 resolution Cobb residents took against homosexuality. The resolution, agreed by a majority of people in this mainly white neighbourhood of the 1996 Games' host city, condemned the "gay lifestyle".

After noisy protests by homosexuals about Cobb's "hate-mongering", the organisers of the 15,000-mile, 84-day torch run - which started in Greece last month - have capitulated. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said: "It is our goal to make the torch relay an exciting and memorable experience. We want to

not be distracted by other issues." Mark Johnson for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a leading anti-Cobbite, said: "The torch relay is an important symbol for all peoples around the world and we feel this sends the right message to bate-mongers." Mr Gingrich, however, spoke of a blatantly political response to a small, but vocal, group of

The torch run is not Cobb County's first Olympic loss. It was to have been the site for the volleyball competition, but that decision was reconsidered owing to the homophobia allegations.

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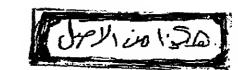
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# Time for Britain to call Helmut's bluff on forging an inner Euro-club

f the British insist on being difficult in Europe. our old friend Jacques Delors said on Panoramo the other day, then the countries which want to lorge a federal Europe will have to go ahead on their own. We will have to write a new treaty without Britain, the former President of the European Commission

M Delors now enjoys a retirement career as a crossborder guru dispensing predictions on the future of the continent, life, the universe and just about everything. He can afford to say out loud what Helmut Kohl, for example, might be too tactful to mention when the German teader drops in on John Major next Monday. France's European Affairs Minister. Michel Barnier, did, however, brandish just that threat when his British opposite number, David Davis, was in Paris just after Easter. France and Germany want

John Major — and, of course, Tony Blair — to get the message that further displays of bad attitude by Britain will be punished by painful and



governments, whether Tory

in the EU, but which will not. Aingle currency. Members of accept Franco-German federalism. Any government told that Britain will miss the bus, train, boat or plane should which is voluntary, but built City of London and Japanese companies invest elsewhere. ask itself two questions: how genuine are these threats? And how far can they go?

If the single currency on which Herr Kohl has staked his reputation starts in 1999. an inner EU caucus is born. Many Whitehall officials fear this as the start of a "nightmare scenario".

Majority votes would bend the rules to allow between six and eight states to join the

to make qualifying for the new currency zone almost impossibly hard. "Out" currencies devalue or depreciate, triggering accusations from the insiders of unfair competition. Using (or rather misus-ing) Article 101 of the EU treaty and sympathetic judges in Luxembourg, France and its allies close the hard curren-

cy area to British exports.

siness drifts away from the

you ready to risk destroying the EU? Ring-fencing a single currency zone contain-ing only half the EU's current members could wreck the single market. Can German poliocians really devise a new European treaty which does not cut across the delicate web obligations by which Germany has already fied itself to all its neighbours? And then raofy such a document in 1997 or 1998, during the crunch decisions on moneunion, as both France Germany run up to

general elections? II won't wash. A bluff sits there waiting to be called. A British Prime Minister with nerve can tell Herr Kohl that, if the EU majority wants the single currency and creeping federalism so badly, Britain will stick to the letter of all its market freedoms, rights to take part in decisions and veto guarantees under the treaty. If Germany and France find this obstructive and inconve-

nient, then let them solve the problems of setting up shop could rub salt into the wound by drawing Herr Kohl's atten-tion to a little-noticed fact: the Labour Party is even less willing to accept a "flexible" EU run by an inner group than the Tories. A change of government in London won't deliver a malleable Britain. Will John Major tell Big. Helmut all this? Your guess is not just as good as mine; it is

GEORGE BROCK

# Yeltsin refuses to back Clinton on Nato's move east

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yelisin and President Clinton announced yesterday that they had made some headway in resolving disputes over two key arms control agreements after five hours of talks in the Kremlin.

But the two leaders, emerging from their tenth face-toface meeting, also made clear they; were still deadlocked on the thorny question of Nato's eastward expansion, which the Kremlin firmly opposes.

curbs

paper

President Clinton said they had made some "important progress" on defining the limits of the anti-ballistic missile treaty, which has dogged arms control negotiators for nearly a quarter of a century. There had also been some breakthrough on resolving differences over the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty, to be reviewed next month to take into account Russia's new

A NEWCOMER to Moscow

would have been forgiven for believing that President Clin-

ton, rather than President

Astonished... Muscovites

could barely avoid bumping

into the American leader, as

be broke local custom and

went on a tour of Moscow.

buying bread, chatting to

pensioners and dining in one

of the city's best-loved

In a country where the

leadership rarely ventures

outside the protection of its Zil

limousines or the walls of the

Kremlin, Mr Clinton said that

he wanted to "get out and get

a feel for the people in the

street and see what they were

thinking". His search led to

authentic Russian encoun-ters. In a bakery off Red

Square, the President was

persuaded to buy bran bread from a saleswoman who advised him that the traditional

Russian loaf would do him good. One elderly woman,

accosted by Mr Clinton, in-

sisted on relating the prob-lems facing her family. "She

election in Russia.

restaurants.

Yeltsin, was running for re- Clinton said.

military commitments, particularly in the Caucasus. world leaders had missed an

Overall, however, the modest results of vesterday's bilateral meeting appeared to have matched the outcome of the summit, which ended on Saturday, on nuclear safety, hosted by the Kremlin leader for the heads of government of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries.

The highlight was Russia's declaration that it would join Western nuclear powers in imposing a total ban on atomic testing. Also the leaders received Ukraine's commitment to close Chernobyl's remaining two reactors, Leaders also agreed on unprecedented co-operation to protect fissile materials and to share intelligence to halt the theft and sale of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium,

However, environmental-

was touching. She said that

she had a son who was trained as an engineer but

that be was an alcoholic," Mr

Mr Clinton, who first visit-

ed Russia as a student, has

used this trip as much for

official meetings as sightsee-

ing. He spent a day in St

Petersburg, mainly to tour the

Hermitage Museum. In Mos-

cow be walked round Red

Square and the stunning

Novodevichi Convent, visit-

ing the graves of Nikita

Khrusbchev and Nadezhda,

He made his biggest impact

on Saturday night, when he

arrived unannounced for din-

ner at U Pirosmani, a rustic

Georgian restaurant, famed

for its food and music. The

American leader was treated

to the traditional Georgian

hors d'ocuvres of spicy meat,

bread with melted cheese and

the country's famous walnut

sauce. Perhaps in deference to

democratic tastes, Mr Clinton was served Mukuzani, a dry

red wine, instead of the heavi-

er Khvanchkara, a full-bodied

wine favoured by Stalin.

Stalin's wife.

Bran loaf and wine

on rare walkabout

By RICHARD BEESTON

safety. "I cannot honestly say that we are better protected from another nuclear accident today than we were ten years ago," said one American official, adding that the West had failed to provide fresh funds to tackle the immediate safety and security problems in the former Soviet Union. Aside from the nuclear issues, the Kremlin leadership will be anxious to see what

ists charged that, a decade

after the Chernobyl accident,

opportunity to improve global

effect the summit has on the political fortunes of President Yeltsin, who hosted the meeting in part to boost his June reelection hopes. Certainly he performed creditably before the cameras, projecting himself as a states-

man on the world stage. His who conveniently skirted controversial issues such as the unpopular conflict in Chechenia, made clear they backed his reformist policies.

John Major had a verbal clash with the President's main political rival, Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader. President Chirac of France praised the Kremlin leader, whom he credited with restoring Russia's "grandeur". President Clinton began and ended his visit with a bear hug for his host and, after a Moscow walkabout at the weekend, declared the Russian people "positive and upbeat". The Japanese Prime Minister.

Hashimoto, called the Russian leader a "good friend". Asked if the summit was a plug for Mr Yeltsin, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, replied: "And what's bad about that? I got the impression his health is good and he

is ready to go into battle." Nevertheless, how Western support will be viewed by the Russian electorate is another matter. Much of the recent success of the hardline Communist and nationalist politicians has been rooted in strong anti-Western rhetoric.

But if the Russian people perceived their President as "too close" to the G7 leaders, the summit could turn out to be a political liability rather

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#### Caviare of the tuber world is smash hit

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A RARE variety of French potato brought back from the edge of extinction went on sale at a Paris auction house at the weekend, where it reached the record price of

£180 a pound. The Bonnotte de Noirmoutier potato, which almost died out in the 1960s, is the caviare of the tuber world with a delicate taste that gastronomic experts say could not be further removed from the humble soud.

Like all superstars, the Bonnotte is a fragile and tender being that cannot tolerate rough handling or mechanical barvesting. By 1965 it had all but vanished from French fields, but last year the National Institute for Agricultural Research teamed up with farmers in the Noirmoutier area of the Vendée in the northwest to produce a small crop of the potato.

To mark this year's harvest, a grand sale was held on Saturday at the Drouot auction house in Paris, an establishment more used to selling rare paintings and antique furniture than groceries. All profits went to charity.

The potatoes are grown on a bed of seaweed and planted and picked by hand. The



A basket of Bonnotte de Noirmoutier potatoes is displayed at an auction in Paris, where prices reached £180 a pound

growing cycle begins on February 2 and ends exactly 90 days later. The slightest bruising results in self-mashed potato. Gourmets describe the taste as subtle, sweet and

The choicest lots of potatoes at auction reached Fr3,000 (£387) a kilo - just over 21b although several canny chefs snapped up comparative bargains by buying more gnarled

"This may seem like folly. but it's a worthwhile folly since you can only eat them once a year," one buyer said, expressing the true spirit of French gastronomy in which rarity is at least as important

as flavour. The Bonnotte is traditionally pan-sautéed in butter, which suggests a humbling moral: no matter how expensive it may be, even the greatest aristocrat of the potato world ends up as chips.

By BEN MACINTYRE

ABBE PIERRE, the celebrated Ryutaro champion of good causes consistently voted France's most popular man. has come under attack for defending an author who claims the Nazi genocide has been exaggerated.

The Roman Catholic priest, 83, who helped Jews to escape from France in the Second World War, is widely regarded as a living saint, but even his staunchest supporters are dismayed at his defence of a revisionist French historian.

Roger Garaudy's book, The Founding Myths of Israeli Policy, has provoked a furore by arguing Nazi killings of Jews should be termed "massacres", not a "holocaust", and by calling the Nuremberg

trials "a myth of justice". The French anti-racist group MRAP has filed a lawsuit, to be heard on Thursday. against M Garaudy for "illegal revisionism". But in a five-page letter published last weekend the abbe described the author as "a true historian" and "an honest man".

"Some facts are indisputable," he insisted yesterday, pointing out that a plaque at Auschwitz concentration camp commemorates the deaths of four million people, when the "figure of one million is generally agreed".

In a letter to M Garaudy,

also 83 and a long-time friend. he said: "To confuse your book with 'revisionism' is a deception, a true calumny." But his defence has been undermined by an admission that he has not read the work.

The abbe has built a vast following by defending the homeless and destitute. Now his reputation as France's moral conscience has been severely dented.



Abbé Pierre: has not read book he defends

#### 'Saint' sullied in Holocaust row High voter turnout as Italy heads for electoral deadlock

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

DEFYING predictions of apathy, Italians turned out in

large numbers in balmy spring weather yesterday to vote for the third time in four Commentators said the chances of a decisive result were slim, and Italy appeared

to be headed for political deadlock last night despite reforms designed to end unstable coalirions and "revolving door" governments. Newspapers spoke of an unprecedented "grand coalition" to complete the transition to a more stable democracy which began three years ago when the discredited Christian Democrat "old guard" was ousted after four decades.

A clearer picture will emerge when final votes are counted today, but yesterday the main party leaders for the first time raised the possibility of a coalition between the Centre Left, led by Romano Prodi, and the Centre Right, led by Silvio Berlusconi, to agree on further constitutional

Fears of a low turnous appeared unfounded, with many voters going to the polling stations early before heading for the beaches and hills to enjoy the sunny wea-

ther. Yesterday's election was held on a single day for the first time. The next Government will

he the fifty-fifth since the Second World War. The final debates held between Signor Prodi, an economics professor who has never occupied electoffice, and Signor Berlusconi, the media tycoon who was briefly Prime Minister two years ago, were unusually good-tempered.

Both men agreed that a grand coalition was an option. It would bring into government for the first time the former Communists, now the Party of the Democraric Left (PDS), which is the core of Signor Prodi's "Olive Tree" vring is likely to take days or

At the last elections in March 1994, Forza Italia won 10) seats and the "post-Fascist Alleanza Nazionale 105 in the lower house. With Christian Democraric allies and the 100 Northern League deputies, the Centre Right had 366 seats. The Left, then known as the

Progressive Alliance, had 213. of which the PDS had 115. However, new Centre parties allied to the former Communists have since appeared.

# Total ban ruled out as talks seek tighter rules for landmines

By PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA AND LEYLA LINTON

DESPITE growing international outrage at the killing or maining of an estimated 25,000 civilians by landmines every year, the weapons will not be banned at a two-week disarmament conference which opens here today.

An opinion poll released by the

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International Committee of the Red Cross to coincide with the UN conference indicates that a large majority of people in 21 countries favours a total ban. Support ranged from 58 per cent in Japan to 92 per

cent in Denmark. Global negotiations are aimed at tightening existing rules on the use of mines. Officials involved in the Geneva talks say a ban on producoon and use will not be discussed.

After two years of negotiations, the that governments would have eight more than 50 countries taking part in the Review Conference have been unable to resolve the landmine issue. Technical measures discussed include "smart mines", which deactivate or self-destruct 30 days after they

have been laid, and rules to keep "dumb mines" in clearly marked and fenced areas. The proposals would also make mines more easily detectable. A draft of the protocol indicates years to conform to the new rules.

Campaigners for a total ban claim they have gained the support in recent weeks of several leading military figures, including the former Gulf War commanders, retired Gen-erals Norman Schwarzkopf and Sir Peter de la Billière.

At least 23 governments have indicated they would support an outright ban. Britain, China, India.

America believe that anti-personnel mines still have a military value. Britain has declared a moratorium on exports of "dumb mines". Campaigners in Britain, including Sir David Puttnam, will hand a petition to John Major today calling on the Government to support a global ban on landmines. The UK Working Group on Landmines has gathered 180,000 signatures.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment

compiled by Gillian Maxey

BRIGHTON. One week only for That Good Night, the new N.J. Crisp thriller Donald Sinden is a veteran film director

Oonald Sinden is a vesterain him director trying, perhaps unweeley, hi make peace with his estranged son. Edward Hell directs a company that includes Lucy Flamming and Nigel Davemport. Theatre Royal, New Road (01273 328488). Opena longht-Set, 7.45pmr. mats Thurs 2.30pm. Sat 4pm. Next In Leads, Grand (2) (0113-245 9351).

EastTBOURNE: The Cardenbury
Tales are back on the road, played as a
modern-day storytelling competition,
with a nervous vocar as MC (Brian Cant)
and Brian Glover as the irrepressible
Miller Adapted by Michael Bogdanov
and written by Robin Devies.
Devonabilite Park, Compton Street (S)
(01323 412 000). Tonght-Sal, 8pm;
mats Wed and Sat 2 30pm, Next in
Chettenham, Everyman (S) (01242
572573)

EDINBURGH: On a lean day for music around the regions, the Chamber

use full, returns only me seets available

20 years ago) now plays the Pelvis in his prime. Postively no emphase on the tate-right garging on peanut butter and jeto topadoes. Prince of Walen, Coventry Street W1

Prince of Wales, Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972) Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri and Sat, S 30 and 8.30pm

☐ ENDGAME: Alun Armstrong and Stephen Didane in Katle Mitchell's production of middle period Secket. Commar Warehouse, Earlnam St WC2 (0171-369 1732), Mon-Sal 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm, Until May 26 ②

AN INSPECTOR CALLS, Stephen

Baldy's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society Garriels, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Fit, 7 45pm; Sci.

8 15pm; mals Wed, 2,30pm, Sat, 5pm.

MISS JULIE: Actors Touring Co-bring the second of this spring is three productions of Strindberg's drama. Nick Philippou directs Kelle Ferninch.

**ELSEWHERE** 

VISUAL ART

Leeds City Art Gallery mounts a major show of Jasper Johns's sculpture OPEN: Now **REVIEW: Tomorrow** 



**THEATRE** 

Harold Pinter puts Twelve Angry Men on stage at the Comedy **OPENS:** Tonight

**REVIEW:** Wednesday



**■ MAGIC** 

An acquired taste for the tasteless: Penn and Teller bring their tricks to Sadler's Wells **OPENS: Wednesday REVIEW: Friday** 



OPERA

Cry freedom: the **English National** Opera stages Beethoven's Fidelio at the Coliseum OPENS: Wednesday REVIEW: Friday

TWELVE ANGRY MEN The 12 actors include Peter Vaughan, Timothy West and Kevin Whately and the director is Haroid Pinter Michael Edwards and Carole Winter, in a co-production with the Bristol Old Vic, present Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama. Comedy, Penton Street SW1 (0171-369 17311 Opens tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Set, 7.45pm; mets Wed 2.30pm

and Sat 4pm. GREAT ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD: The series concludes with a WORLD: The senes concludes with a performance by the young, dynamic Budapest Festival Orchestra. The conductor lean Fischer opers with Lisat's second symphonic poem, Tasso, tamento e trionto, and the concert ends with Manler's Sixth Symphony — the most personal and emotionally-changed of all his works. Berbican, Site Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonght, 7.30pm (5)

NEMS YOUNG ARTISTS' CONCERT. William Puretoy and Stephen Wallace, countarienors, Rodenck Williams and Jeremy Huw Williams, bantones, perior a delightful selection of songs, areas a deigninn selection of songs, area and duets by composers ranging from Bach to Wolf. Accompanied on life plane by Susia Allan and Ngel Foster, they include Mithaud is Catalogue de fleurs and Tippett's Songs for Anel Wilgarore Hell, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 7.30pm. §

THEATRE GUIDE

D BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH ☐ BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH
Award-winning first play from yet another
firsh prodigy. Jimmy Murphy's comic
tragedy of three Dublin house painters
pritted against each other by their
domanding boss. A Soho Theatre Co
co-production directed by Rough
Magic's Lymic Parker
Arts. Great Newport Street, WC2
(0171-836.3334). Mon-Fin. 7.30pm; Sat,
5.30 and 8.30om.

CHAPTER TWO Tom Contract Sheron Gless play unatrached New Yorkers whiring towards each other in Net Simon's cornecty Not his best. Gleigud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-454 5065). Mon-Fn, Born: Set. 15 on Set Eren.

ETHE DEVIL IS AN ASS Successful revival of Ben Jonson's adventures of a juntor devil in a sleazy London he soon finds to be lar worse than Hell Pit, Berbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Now previewing. 7 15pm; mats Sat. 2pm Opens Apr 24, 7pm, Then in rep. (5)

N LA DOLCE VITA. New David Glass production, derived from the Fellini film that introduced us to the word paparazz A puzzing project, diminishing the material Last week Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, Wis (0181-741 2311), Mon-Sei, 7 30pm, met Sei, 2 30pm (§)

DELVIS, Revival of the 20-year-old tribute show PJ Proby plays the Vogas Eivis, newcomer Alexander Bar is the teenager, and Tim Whitnali (the teenager

+ BEFORE AND AFTER (12). Glum

accused of murder Director, Barbet

Odeona: Konsington (01426-914 598) Leicester Square (01426-915 683) Swiss Cottage (0171-596 3057)

SMOKE (15): Cres-crossing lives in Brooklyn Agreeable, fally piece written by Paul Auster, with Horvey Kertel and William Hurt, Director, Wayne Wang

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◆ TWELVE MONKEYS (15) Unwieldy

extraveganza from Teny Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller

beelong the source of a virus. With Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pirt.

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**NEW RELEASES** 

#### CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol • ) on release across the country

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Plaza (0800-888 997) Rio (0171-254 6677) Ribay (0171-732 2332) Werner West End (0171-437 4343) ◆ GET SHORTY (15): John Travolta's using Gregory Motton's translation. Gate. Pernbridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 5387). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until May 11.

Group of Scotland gives a selection of colourful Scendinevian music. Per Norgard, Magnus Linberg, Kaija Saarlabo and Karsten Fundal are among

the leatured composers, while Mats Lansson ofters a new commession, The Ride of the Valkynes II. Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, B-18 (0131-

668 2019) Tonight, 7.45pm.

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El TOMMY: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child a apothecess to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability. Shaffeebury, Shaffesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 8pm mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. (5)

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Sonic the sledgehammer POP

A though it is now 15 years since they first formed in New York. Sonic Youth have somehow managed to transcend the vagaries of fashion. They have been at the forefront of many scenes - it was their memorable 1989 tour with Mudhoney which first brought grunge to Britain, and they were instrumental in getting Nirvana signed to a major label - but they have never been inextricably linked to a particular time or movement

Sonic Youth are simply a great rock'n roll band. As if to confirm this, they opened their set with Schizophrenia and White Kross, two songs from their 1987 album Sister, the record which first saw them channel their experimental noise into a more conventional rock sound. These days, those songs sound better than ever, enhanced by a light show and stellar stage props of which Hawkwind would

have been proud. From there, Sonic Youth fast-forwarded to the title track of their current album,

THERE are few softer targets

than Mike Rutherford and his

band of loyal artisans. Their

family-value, fortysomething

rock has critics picking them

off at will, but their occasional

tours are sell-outs and their

Hits album is heading for

ford first called up his troops during an "off year" from

his day job with Genesis — they have had only one Top

Ten single (The Living Years.

in 1989), but the Albert Hall

audience was on humming

In the 11 years since Ruther-

platinum status.

Forum, NW5

Sonic Youth

She plays, she sings, she's the coolest woman in rock: Kim Gordon commands centre-stage for the umpteenth time

Washing Machine. This is Kim Gordon's song - as, in many ways, it is her album - and she took centre-stage all night. Long an inspiration to other female musicians (she produced Hole's debut album before most people had heard the name Couriney Love), and frequently cited as the coolest woman in rock, Gordon was in fine form. She alternated between singing lead vocals and playing bass while doing a unique kind of head

down, on-the-spot jig.

After Washing Machine, she and guitarist Thurston Moore took it in turns to sing two further songs from the new album; Saucer-Like and Becuz, with Gordon occasionally turning her back on

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the audience to face drummer Steve Shelley, while Moore and guitarist Lee Ranaldo stayed at the sides of the stage. Then they played Sugar Kane, one of the great poppy moments from their 1992 album Dirty, and the audience was

reduced to a sea of bobbing heads.
However, Sonic Youth did not take this as a signal to start doing all their old favourites and continued to play songs from their two most recent albums. Ranaldo provided a temporary inoment of calm when he sang Starfield Road, but the set became progressively noisier, culminating in *The Diamond Sea*, which started off with Moore singing a quiet yearning melody and developed into a 15minute display of instrumental madness and epic feedback. Back for an encore of Skink and Junkie's Promise, the band continued in the same vein, still resisting their back catalogue. On this form, Sonic Youth do not need it.

ANN SCANLON

vocalists of vast experience to share the spotlight. Thus unfolded the Hits alburn and more besides. Carrack in particular adding to his reputation as one of Britain's most undervalued vocalists, especially on what is perhaps the band's best song. Over My Shoulder. The dreaded medley tactic was also used to tumultuous response, allowing Carrack to deliver his own How Long and Young to play a surrogate Phil Collins on I Can't Dance. No. they can't. Nor are they hip and happening - but just

listen to those cash registers. PAUL SEXTON

### EARLY JUS Visions made sound

THE current cult of Hildegard of Bingen is quite extraordinary. But, then, she was an extraordinary woman. A prolific composer, visionary, writer, theologian and scientist, she brought profound insight to subjects as varied as the

female sexuality.
No doubt the attraction in recent times may stem from the unusual status she holds as a 12th-century woman composer, a rare enough phenomenon, all the more impressive because of the sheer quality of her music.

Some 20 years after Gothic. Voices' bestselling recording

Sinfonye Oueen Elizabeth Hall

of some of her Latin monophonic songs, Sinfooye, an excel-lent all-female ensemble, has embarked on recording the complete Hildegard, launched with a son et lumière spectacular at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Some of the illustrations to Hildegard's books of prophetic visions were projected onto a backdrop while readings from her writings linked 13 of her songs in a display of her creative genius. Angels' wings, stars and flames adorned striking circular or oval patterns populated by strange, composite figures. The readings, by Rose English: described the visions equally graphically and pro- "": vided a gentle, logical frame

work for the music. Sinfonye were joined by the Oxford Girls' Choir. These young girls have clearly grasped the essence of ..... Hildegard's often expansive and highly intricate melodies. their voices agile and sweettoned. The youngest-looking of all, Victoria Couper, sang her solo with a musical maturity that would knock spots off

most boy trebles. The range of melody in a terms of both pitch and style is considerable, one of the most . : extreme examples here being O vos angeli. This suddenly soars into the vocal stratosphere in a realisation in sound of the visionary qualines of a woman who claimed ... to have had no formal musical. training.

Vocal drones and the accompaniment of the hurdy gurdy added a foil for these ecstatic melodic lines in imaginative and compelling ways.

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# McColgan warms to marathon challenge

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

LIZ McCOLGAN, advised two and a half years ago that she would never run again, yesterday completed her rehabilitation from injury by win-ning the women's section of the Flora London Marathon. It ranks among her finest

If the manner of her run spoke of a new McColgan — wise and patient — her reac-tion to it was the McColgan of old; nice to win but the Olympics are what count. "I have got to rate it as a good performance but it is a step-ping stone to the Olympics." McColgan's winning time, 2hr s as tast a anybody could reasonably have expected on a day of record high temperatures for

In her two previous London Marathon attempts, McColgan had finished third and fifth. When, in 1992, she was signed by David Bedford, the race director, for some £500,000 to run the event three times, she was the BBC Sports

Masterly Cerón Leading finishers ..... 34, 35 Holding's treble .

Personality of the Year, world 10,000 metres champion and had just recorded the fastest marathon debut by a woman. Yesterday, finally, McColgan gave Bedford full value for money.

The confidence this victory will give her for the Olympics cannot be underestimated. "My rivals are going to have to do something extra special if I am not going to come back from Atlanta with gold," she said. The heat and humidity of Atlanta have been bones of contention among the distance-running fraternity but McColgan's greatest triumph; her 1991 10,000 metres world title, was achieved in the

oppressive heat of Tokyo.
"I am confident it will not bother me," she said. "It will be a tough course but I am a tough runner." You have not seen anything yet from McColgan in the marathon and it is not just her saying it this time. "Conditions in Atlanta will not bother Liz." Grete Waitz said. Waitz believes that, in cooler weather, McColgan can go under 2:25. The influence Waitz, a former world champion and double London winner, has had as

her coach for the past year has been pivotal in directing McColgan away from selfdestruction after two medical experts had told her to forget running because of two knee operations. Her knee, and other injuries, combined to plague her for 18 months.

After her fifth place in the London Marathon last year, McColgan acknowledged that she was not getting the best out of herself and accepted an offer from Waitz to coach her. Waitz reduced her mileage, increased the intensity of her ping stone to the Olympics," hard training sessions and the she said. And a rock in the path of other contenders. hard training sessions and the frequency of her easy days, and told her to take a cautious approach to the race.

McColgan, a long-standing member of the front-runners club, lapsed her membership yesterday. So cautious was she that, when three runners set off faster than her, she allowed the gap to grow to 2min 06sec at 14 miles. "The strategy was to hold back but she held back too much and made me nervous," Waitz said. "If I had been in Liz's shoes I would not have let them get so far ahead that I could not see them."

It was a lesson she will be drumming into McColgan before the Olympics. Although the Olympics is not going to be a fast race, in Waitz's opinion, she does not want her athlete dawdling during the first half. At halfway, McColgan wondered whether she might have blown it. The leader, Anita Haakenstad, from Norway, who faded to finish fifth, reached the half-

way point in 73:31. McColgan picked up her running on the fifteenth mile. On the eighteenth, she drew away from Angelina Kanana, from Kenya, leaving only Haakenstad and Firaya Sultanova, from Russia, ahead of her. At 19 miles, McColgan passed Sultanova but Haakenstad was still 45sec down the road. A 21st mile in 5min 27sec took her into the lead and a 22nd in 5.34 gave her a decisive advantage.

Running the last five miles unchallenged, McColgan crossed the finish line showing ne sign of discomfort. A glance back down The Mall revealed that Joyce Chepchumba, from Kenya, on her way to finishing second, was not in sight.

It was McColgan's fastest time in five marathons since her 2:27.32 debut in 1991. Chepchumba recorded 2:30.09 and Malgorzata Sobanska, the defending champion from Poland, was third in 2:30.17.



McColgan raises her arms in triumph after her comfortable victory at the third attempt in the London Marathon yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland



# Coleman & Co enjoy quite extraordinary day

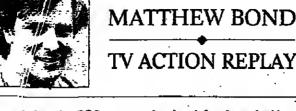
Brendan Foster getting things right, but David Coleman as well? Truly, the gods had smiled upon the BBC. The sun was shining. the mobile cameras were all working and, best of all, there was a new jazz band at the City Pride on the Isle of Dogs. For the first time in living memory, watching the London Marathon would not mean listening to Oh When The Saints for two hours.

But when even the predictions from the commentary started coming true, we knew something pretty remarkable was afoot. "Today is the day for Liz McColgan to win," said Foster confidently, a few minutes before the start. So it proved, as Coleman relayed some 16 miles into the elite women's race: "And the news

of Anita Haakenstad is that she is slowing." Normally. that would be the cue for Haakenstad to sprint past her police outrider and set a world record. But not yesterday. Slowly, painfully, enthrallingly. Haakenstad was reeled in by McColgan — just as Coleman had predicted. Quite extraordinary, as the great man might say.

Technically, the triumph that was vesterday cannot be overlooked. With almost 40 cameras out on the course on motorbikes, in helicopters. one even on the Docklands Light Railway - the potential for disaster was considerable. Last year's pictures were plagued by interference. Yesterday, they were perfect.

Only two wonderfully comic attempts to talk to race offi cials riding in the lead cars



showad that the BBC's command of the ether was not absolute. On both occasions Coleman made crystal-clear cor tract with the person he was ex.pecting to, but on both e-ceasions communication oegan and ended with his first question.

Editorially, there were one or two problems. If Dionicio Ceron looked a little underwhelmed on the winner's rostrum, he had good reason. For the second year running, his perfectly-timed

I've got a gun in my bag." The

iokes did not take long to start

to circulate. One goes as

follows: Holden, an Austra-

lian car manufacturer with

whom Norman has a business

association, are bring out a

new car, the Greg Norman

edition - with automatic

south, Frank Williams, Nor-

man's manager, continued to

sift through the 3,000 faxes

that had arrived at the offices

of Great White Shark Inc. Of that number only two were

abusive. One said, simply:

"you choker." The other: "You

The Sydney Morning Her-

ald printed Norman's fax

number, imploring Austra-

lians to demonstrate their

Typical of the messages that were received was this one:

"glance up at the stars. Greg. There are millions of them.

You are one of six billion

people on this one of ours.

Does it really matter if you

took a few extra strokes to get a small white ball into a hole?"

Another one read: 'your

good humour, dignity and

grace in defeat were an impor-

iant lesson for my kids." And a

third: "victory is one thing but

ass. You're too rich."

support for him.

400 miles

choke.

Meanwhile.

late break for victory had been missed by cameras which, quite understandably, pre-ferred to linger on the final stages of McColgan's race. But after watching a tediously tactical men's race for the best part of two hours, it was a shame to miss the one real

the pictures they were fed but, somewhere along the line, somebody not only managed moment of excitement. The organisers should conto miss Tanni Grey, the record-setting winner of the sider whether start times that ensure that the men always women's race, altogether, but play second fiddle to the gave the race to Rose Hill. women is the best solution. especially for television cover-Similarly, Bogdan Krol, sec-

age. And, if anyone is rethink-

ing the starts, could they not

Other problems, however,

are within the BBC's remit.

Although I am sure no slight

was intended. Coleman would

no doubt accept that calling a

young, black athlete "boy" was

not a particularly clever move.

Nor was the coverage of the

Paul Dickenson and Chris

Hallam did a good job with

disabled races impressive.

be made just a little more spectacular? A limply-dropped flag not only confuses the athletes, it makes lousy

ond in the men's race, slipped through unnoticed and unfeted. To its credit, however. the BBC owned up to the errors at the start of the day's second programme.

The star of this second programme, when the masses get the chance of 30 seconds of television glory, was Sue Barker who was on top form. No sooner had she claimed a television first by apparently interviewing a blow-up doll. than she was being quite enchantingly serenaded by a barber shop choir rather suspiciously long on breath. "Sweet and lovely, that's what you are to me," they sang on berided knee. Barker was overcome, temporarily lost for words. Coleman, however, was not. "They never sang that for Bob Wilson." It had been a

# Hazell and Baker in all-England final

SANDY HAZELL and Jean Baker set up an all Engli final in the women's world indoor bowls singles cha ship in Guernsey yesterday, when Hazell defeated Kare Adams, of Scotland, the 1993 champion, and Baker hear Betty Morgan, the Welsh champion, in the semi-finals Hazell, who beat Baker 21-8 in the recent English

Women's Indoor Bowling Association singles final Banister Park, lost the first set to Adams, but recovered in win 3-7, 7-0, 7-5, 7-5. Baker, a former English outdoor single champion, lost two of the first three sets against Morgan, but squared the match with a 7-4 win in the fourth, and recovered from 6-3 down to take the decider, 7-6. ☐ Mark Bantock, aged 26, of the Desborough class Maidenhead, won the English Indoor Bowling Association singles championship at Melton Mowbray on Saturday beating John Ottaway 21-17. This guarantees Bantock a place in the world championship at Preston next February.

# Hoyer-Larsen's record

BADMINTON: Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen claimed a recond-equalling third successive men's singles title at the European championships in Herning on Saturday. Hoyer-Larsen needed just 32 minutes to overcome his compatriot. Peter needed just 32 minutes to overcome his compatriot. Peter Rasmussen, 15-5, 15-11. Rasmussen, the No 2 seed, staged a fightback in the second game to lead 11-10, but a string of unforced errors allowed Hoyer-Larsen to equal the record held set by another Dane, Flemming Delfs, in 1980.

#### Date lifts fourth title

TENNIS: Kimiko Date. right, of Japan, beat Amy Frazier, of the United States, 7-5, 6-4 to capture her fourth Japan Open title yesterday. It was the third consecutive year that they had met in the Tokyo final. Frazier won last year after Date had beaten her in 1994 for her third successive title. Pete Sampras, took the men's title by beating Renenberg 6-4, 7-5.



#### **Ipswich Cup upset**

FENCING: The 1992 world champion, Oksana Jermakova, of Estonia, won the I pswich Cup at Northgate Sports Centre. yesterday, defeating the diminutive Swiss, Gianna Buerki, 15-13 in the closest-fought match of the day. The event was the British round of the women's epec World Cup, which Buerki was expected to win. The title-holder, Claudia Bokel, of Germany, was eliminated in the quarter-finals by another Estonian, Heidi Rohi, 15-14.

#### Carter comes through

SQUASH: Paul Carter, the former British national squash champion, has lost none of the stubborn competitiveness that made him one the world's leading players in the late Eighties. An 80-minute, 9-7, 0-9, 4-9, 9-7, 9-2 third-string win over Marcus Cowie in the Squash Rackets Association National League play-offs final at St Albans tore the heart out of Keyline Barnham Broom. The challenge for the title triggered a 4-l victory for Mitsubishi Electric Potters Bar.

#### Colts lose to late try

RUGBY UNION: England's colts concluded their season in defeat at Chester on Saturday, losing 22-18 to the Frenchouth. However they had the minor consolation of scoring two tries to one, the first by Matt Perry, of Bath, the second a delightful effort by the captain, Tim Pawson, after Michael Horne's long run. Paul Sampson added a conversion and two penalty goals before a try in the last minute carned France their win.

#### Abe triumphs in Japan

MOTORCYCLING: Norifumi Abe, right, became his country's newest sporting hero yesterday when he won the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka, becoming the first Japanese to triumph in a 500cc race since Takazumi Katayama won the 1982 Swedish Grand Prix. Abe won by nearly seven sec-onds from Alex Criville, of Spain, at an average speed of 162.115kph



#### England ease to title

LACROSSE: England beat Wales 16-3 to retain the women's triple crown in the last home international of the season at High Wycombe on Saturday. In the other game, Scotland beat Wales 9-3. After a nervous start, England took the initiative against Wales and never looked back after building up an 8-1 lead by half-time. Rachana Shetty, of Durham University, showed promise in her first game for England as goalkeeper.

FOOTBALL: The relegation of Villa Aztecs from the women's Premier National League was confirmed yesterday after just one season in the top flight. In a match they had to win to have a chance of staying up, Villa lost 4-1 to Arsenal at Clacton and so follow Wolverhampton into the premier northern division. Doncaster Belies inched closer to the championship with a 3-2 win at Liverpool. They are eight points clear but Croydon have four games in hand.

# Faxes and figures comfort Norman

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPON DENT, IN HILTON HEAD ISLAND champion in 1988. faid. "I was

gasping. I though t that it was over with that chi.p of Greg's to

the 10th. That was an anxious,

careless chip. But it wasn't too

clever to miss the 9th green the

All week it, has seemed that

everyone in the US has been

talking about nothing else but

Greg Norman. Flicking my television from channel to

channel on Friday night 1

came up o ... se foreign af-

fairs cope, talking about Bosnia of them managed

to refer to a Greg Norman

Ort Saturday afternoon a

l'ieckler called Norman a chok-

er as he was leaving the 18th

tee in his third round. An

obviously angry Norman

moved to the gallery ropes and the man asked: "Why did you

choke last week? You cost me

money." The man was later

taken away and charged with

disorderly conduct and being

on Saturday and again yesterday was Charlie Rymer, a local professional who

Norman's playing partner

ralking about

way he did either."

situat ion.

Leading scores ..

SANDY LYLE set off for Greensboro, North Carolina. vesierday afternoon ready to compete in a tournament he has won twice in his career. Lyle felt buoyed by some good ball striking in his fourth round of the MCl Classic on the Harbour Town Golf Links here, a 69 that gave him a 72hole total of two over par, yet he was concerned that his putting was hampering him. Lyle is realistic enough to

realise that major champion-

ships are beyond his reach

these days. He has competed

in ten events in the US this

year and made the cut in five of them. Yet he still persists in

his belief that if he could

rediscover some form with his

puner then victory in an event

on the US tour or in Europe is

not beyond him. At 38 and

with winnings in the US this

year of \$45,000, three times as

much as in 1995, he is deter-

mined not to accept that his

As Lyle, the first man out on

a lovely clear morning with a

pleasant on-shore wind, cor-1-

cluded his fourth round, Greeg

Norman had just started his.

Ten years ago Lyle and Ntor-man were spoken of in the same breath. Now Lyle is used

only to put Norman's raisad-

best days are behind him.

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Aztecs relegated

# Bold Simon clears way for second World Cup

the last two holes would have done credit to Nick Faldo.

At the penultimate hole, a par three of 139 yards, he

watched as Carter planted his

ball 40 feet beyond the flag.

before putting his own tee shot

nervelessly to six feet. Carter

took two putts for par, and Russell calmly rolled his in for

a birdie and a one-stroke lead.

not over, however. A birdie

from Carter on the last would

have put the tournament firm-

ly in play-off territory, but it

Carter went into a fairway

bunker off the t8th tee and

found sand again with his

second shot. Russell played

the hole immacutely and fin-ished up eight feet from the

flag in three as Carter went 25

It was effectively all over

when Carter failed to hole that

long bunker shot. Russell had

two shots for the title, and needed only one for a closing

birdie that was as sausfying as

it was irrelevant. He said that

he was happy, even if he did not show it. They do not go in

for much dancing in the

streets in Prestonpans.

feet past, also in three.

was not to be.

The tournament was still

THERE was a beguiling mix

of youthful confidence, mature

calmness under pressure and.

at the end, a typically Scottish

lack of emotion about Ray-mond Russell, the former

Walker Cup golfer, as he

claimed victory in only his

ninth PGA European Tour tournament by taking the Cannes Open at Royal

The destination of the win-

ner's cheque for £66,060 was

put in doubt to the dying

moments of this final day by

David Carter, who pushed his

opponent all the way until

Russell prevailed with a final round of 71 and a total of 272,

12 under par. Carter, whose 73

left him two strokes adrift.

beat Gordon Brand Jr and Ignacio Garrido by two, with

Costantino Rocca and Jim

Payne joint fifth on seven

under par.
Russell, 23, had played only
three events on the main four

until this season after turning

professional following his ap-

pearance in the Walker Cup

He finished nineteenth in the tour qualifying school last

Mougins vesterday.

HISTORY repeated itse; If here yesterday when Hugo Simon, of Austria, riding ET., won his second showjumping Volvo World Cup after 2, dramatic jump-off with Wil'ii Melliger. of Switzerland, or 1 Calbaro. It was only the sec ond jump-off in the 18 years in which the final has been held: the first was in 1979, fut the inaugural event, won by Simon.

Simon's victory was all the sweeter aft er a series of setbacks had threatened his parncipation . The 53-year-old had to withdr, aw his leading horse, Apricot , when it succumbed to colic, I orcing him to ride the nine-y ear-old ET in all three legs. Simon then injured his elbo w and was unable to ride

for ten days until last Saturday.

Russell tees off in Cannes yesterday on his way to his first European Tour victory

Russell edges to first title

FROM MEL WEBB IN CANNES

was his sixth appearance of

the season, a succession of

high-profile tournaments oo

the horizon meant that, at the

start of this tournament, he

was not sure when he would

gel his next start. Now he can

play where and when he likes

until the end of next season. Russell, from Prestonpans,

near Edinburgh, was level

with Carter on ten under par

as he stepped on to the 17th tee

after going into water and

dropping a shot at the 16th.

where within minutes he was

both cursed, and blessed by the

A referee ruled that Rus-

sell's bail had crossed the

margin of a lake before drop-

ping back into the briny.

which meant he could take his

penality drop on the green. From that position he was able

to two-putt for a bogey six that

could have been much worse.

riotably when he dropped four

shots to par in four holes from

the 8th, but the way he played

He had wobbled at times.

Nick Skelton, the Briton who came frustratingly close to a second successive win on Dollar Girl, finished third just one point behind Simon and Melliger. Despite two superb rounds in the grand prix yesterday, in which he incurred four faults in each. Skelton was disappointed.

He blamed himself for putting the lo-year-old mare in "too deep" at the double, the fence he hit in the first round. He was more philosophical about the second-round mistake, when Dollar Girl just touched fence ien, a big oxer. "It was just a difficult, dirty fence." Even so, his third place and his win in the second leg on Friday added nearly £40,000 to his purse.

John Whitaker, the only other Briton here, dropped to eighth place after a first round Welham incurred 12

The most bitter disappointment, however, was reserved



Simon: setbacks

a 13-year-old gelding of nervous disposition, sensed the highly-charged atmosphere and hit fence 5a. throwing Pessoa forward into the saddle

in the first round, one of only

three, he looked set to become

In the second round, when

riders again went in reverse

third, incurred four faults to

join Melliger on a total of ten.

When the world champion,

Franke Sloothaak, from Germany, had eight faults on

Corrado, it meant that Pessoa

could hit two fences and still

win the cup.

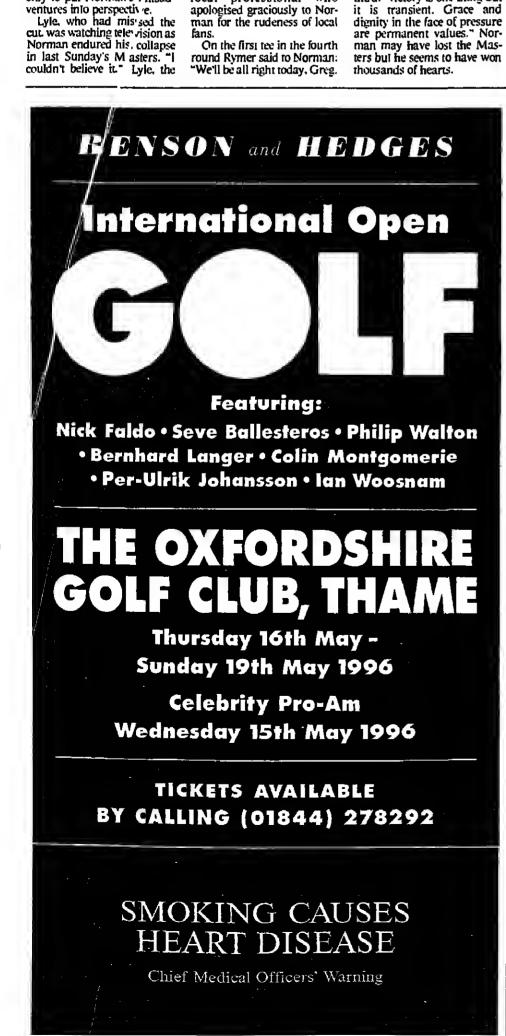
But the Irish-bred Tomboy,

to win the World Cup.

for the young Brazilian rider, Rodrigo Pessoa, who was in so that he was unable to stop the lead at the start of the grand prix. After a clear round

He guided him through fence six, which fell, and then missed his stride into the next and had to turn a circle. "At the first South American rider that point," the philosphical Pessoa said. "I knew it was all order of merit, Simon, lying

Melliger, drawn first in the jump-off, produced a superbly-judged clear round that the crowd acclaimed as the winning one. But Simon, to the disbelief of Melliger's supporters, took a daring short cut after the second fence - I knew I had to think of some thing different," he said - and romped home two seconds faster to secure an elusive second World Cup title and a standing ovation.....



# Outspoken O'Sullivan belittles beaten Robidoux



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ALAIN ROBIDOUX described Ronnie O'Sullivan as "disrespectful" and refused to shake hands after losing their first-round match 10-3 in the Embassy world snooker champion-ship at the Crucible, Sheffield.

yesierday.

The bad blood began to circulate when O'Sullivan, holding an impregnable lead in the eleventh frame, played three academic pots left-handed when attempting a crowdpleasing clearance.

Robidoux, of Canada, normally the most mild-mannered of individuals, was visibly riled and did not concede. Even when the pink subsequently ran over a pocket, O'Sullivan would not pot it and the result was an

"I was struggling and, when somebody does that, it makes you feel worse," Robidoux said. "There's no need to do that to a professional colleague." O'Sullivan, who included breaks of t02 and t26 during a typically swashbuckling display, was unrepentant. "I was just enjoying myself when the frame was over and, anyway, the audience loved it." he

Of course, it is O Sullivan's prerogauve to use the odd exhibition shot. However, any sympathy for him evaporated after a series of belittling comments about Robidoux. "I can play better test-handed than he can right," O'Sullivan added.

O'Sullivan has an abundance of natural talent. A week short of his eighteenth birthday he captured the 1993 United Kingdom championship,

world-ranking tournament, and last year he won the Benson and Hedges Masters. No one wishes to stille that spark and, indeed, while finishing off his quarter-final win over Mark Williams at the British Open earlier this month, few took exception to his pair of outrageous one-handed pots.

Even so, there exists a fine dividing line between showmanship and

As a 20-year-old, O'Sullivan can still fall victim to the impetuosity of youth, both on and off the table, and there is a danger he could become snooker's latest enfant terrible. this week, his ill-advised comments yesterday may well prove to be a heavy burden for him.

Conflicting messages can be drawn from Stephen Hendry's t0-8 victory over Jason Ferguson in the first round on Saturday. During the course of his 21st consecutive win in the game's premier event, the fitle-holder compiled a quartet of century breaks, along with runs of 91, 88 and 86, and cued sweetly.

Yet, until required to cope with the

iniense pressure under which he thrives, Hendry's tactical game was inadequate, even against Ferguson, the world No 29, who was a 500-loutsider for the £200,000 first prize. While Hendry freely uses superla-

tives in assessment of his better displays, he can be scathingly criocal

classified his safety play as "amateur-ish" and admitted he feh "vulnerable" when entering the concluding session faced with a 6-3 deficit

Hendry is acutely aware that cootaining opponents is essential if he is to win the title for the lifth year in succession and for a sixth time in his past seven attempts. It is fair to assume that his strong suit, break-building, will take care of itself.

"I know I'm playing well, so if I'd lost it would have been nothing short of a disaster." Hendry, who had dropped only two frames in his three previous encounters with Ferguson. said. "Jason punished my sloppy shots and, against the quality of players I'm going to have to tackle over the next couple of weeks, I've simply got to oghten things up.



Robidoux visibly riled

#### Evans proves best of British in men's race with commendable third

# Cerón cuts loose to complete treble

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DIONICIO CERON must his first victory, in 1994, when begin to wonder why athletes say such silly things. Or, more accurately, say such sensible things, then ignore their own

Ceron, from Mexico, having become the first man to win the London Marathon twice, completed the treble yesterday, though, understandably, given the record warm temperatures, his time of 2hr 10min 00sec was the slowest of his successive victories. Vincent Rousseau, the runner-up, will be haunted by his own words, just like Antonio Pinto was last year.

"I do not want to lead and get a knife in my back," Rousseau, the only athlete in marathon history to have bro-



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ken 2:06 twice, had said three days before the race. However, when the pacemaker dropped out at halfway, Rousseau, from Belgium, was the one pushing it along for most of the way until Ceron appeared with his blade.

Ceróo ran it the way Rousseau had advised, concealed in the group rather than taking the reins. He went through a bad patch at ten miles but ran it off. Aided by Jackson Kabiga, from Kenya, Cerbo splintered the group at 22½ miles and, a mile later, struck out on his own. "Every victory has a special place in my heart," Cerón said, "but I won for the third time. I feel very

excited about that." The race was reminiscent of he drew clear in the 23rd mile. But it contrasted with last year when Pinto, from Portugal, built a 62-second lead at world-record pace. In the week before the race. Cerón and Steve Moneghetti had been talking of a world-record schedule, to which Pinto responded: "I shall follow them with a sack, then put them in as I go past." Cerón and Moneghetti came along with a sack in the last mile and swept

up Pinto. Whereas, last year, Cerón had had to work all the way to the line before beating Moneghetti by three seconds, yester-day he had a comfortable lead entering The Mall for the final furlong. He took his time to enjoy it, though it cost him money, Instead of a \$10,000 (£6,600) bonus for sub 2:10, he had to settle for \$5,000 for sub

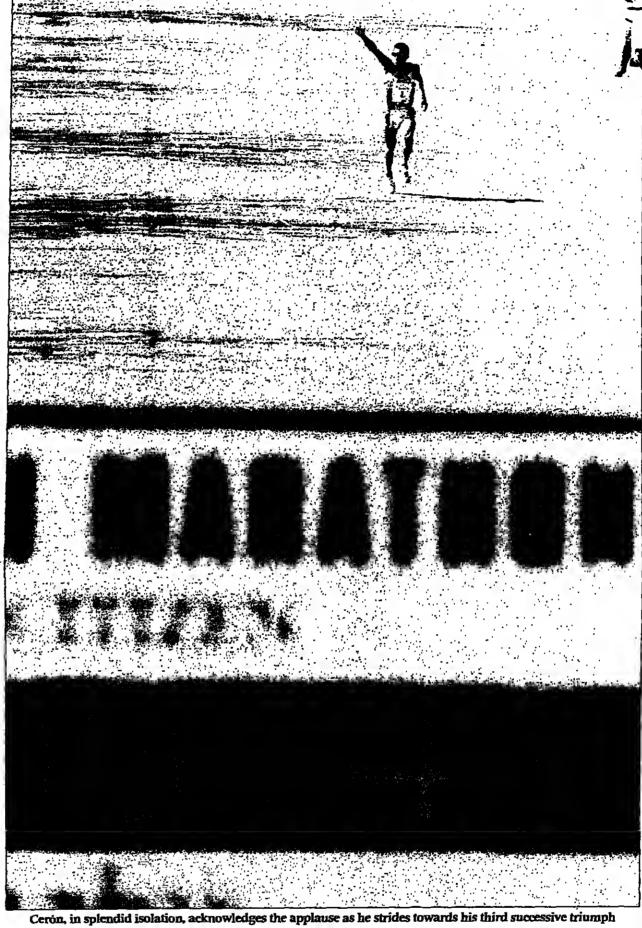
He could afford the celebration. Cerón owns five houses. a sports club, a clothing business and now has another winner's cheque for \$55,000. More than his \$30,000 for second place, Rousseau's consolation was a solid performance on a hot day. He does not like the heat and contracts with past marathons have given him the option to withdraw if the temperature exceeds 16C.

At the start yesterday, the reading was ISC, soon rising to 20C and staying there until the finish. Why. Rousseau must have wondered, did he not have a clause in his contract this time? "I did not expect these warm conditions," Rousseau said, "When I saw the weather at the beginning, I was like that," he added, indicating that he had

crossed his fingers for luck. "I stayed out of the way in case he was looking for me," David Bedford, the elite race director, said. Rousseau felt that wearing a Breathe Right strip on his nose helped to relieve the sinuses he normal-

ly suffers in hot conditions. Paul Evans must be puzzled over the logic of the prize structure. Had he finished fourth, instead of third, he

would have been \$2,500 better



off. Evans collected \$22,500 for third place but the British money awards are payable only to athletes outside the first three. Crossing the line fourth would have given Evans \$15,000 place money plus the \$10,000 bonus as first

That went instead to Gary Staines, who was ninth Staines may have more to thank Evans for than simply the money. Should Evans decline Olympic selection, as well he might. Staines may be offered the third place with the preselected Peter

Nerurkar. According to John Bicourt. Evans's manager, competing in the Olympics would cost his athlete some £100,000 in potential income from the New York City Marathon. Evans is more likely to go for the Olympic 10,000 metres, from which he would have time to recover before New York. Earnonn Martin, the 1993

champion, dropped out in the heat which took its toll on times in general. Only 44 men broke 2hr 30min, an unprecedented low number.

#### RFU search for unity as Bath stand firm over crowd

By DAVID HANDS RUGAY CORRESPONDENT

WHATEVER the Rugby Football Union (RFU) touches these days tends in blow up in their faces. However, they will hope to resolve today the row in which they are oow em-broiled with Bath and Wigan, who seek to play the second of their cross-code matches at Twickenham on May 25.

The union will meet representatives of the two cluhs, the local police and the British Transport Police to discuss the imposition of a cap on the crowd of 37,500 - half the stadium's total capacity.

The police require a limit because of work scheduled on the Reading to Waterloo railway line. "The whole question of capping the gate has been a known problem for some time." Michael Humphreys. the RFU spokesman, said. Indeed it was only on Friday that Tony Hallett, the union secretary, persuaded the au-thorities to lift the cap from 30,000 to 37,500.

It is debatable whether railway work in that area is liable to affect crowds coming from Bath, or from the north-west where, it is claimed, Wigan supporters are treating this as their away-day in London after losing their regular visit to Wembley for the Challenge Cup final. Certainly tickets have sold well for the first match, to be played under rugby league rules, at Maine

Road, Manchester, on May 8. Bath have sold more than 25,000 tickets for the second match, under union rules, and plan to keep selling. "We would have expected 50,000 and a capacity attendance was on the cards." Richard Mawditt, the Bath chairman, said. This is going to be a great occasion. Why spoil is

with a half-empty stadium?" The clubs have the option of moving the game, bin arrangements have been put in place which may make that impractical. The last word on this matter mill be with the police, whose primary concern is to avoid concested station platforms in the area where work is taking place.

☐ Ireland's executive committee will stand firm over the five nations row regarding television rights to next year's championship. Syd Millar, the IRFU president, still hopes for reconciliation after England's declaration that they will go their own way, but if that cannot be reached, Ireland will back moves to stop playing England.

#### Leopards are put to flight by march of the Giants

By Nicholas Harling

BY VIRTUE of gaining a dramatic 75-73 victory over the Leopards in the London Arena last night. Manchester Giants became only the third basketball club in the history of the play-offs to reach Wem-bley after losing the first leg of their quarter-fioal.

The dubious privilege for Manchester, the beaten finalists last year, however, is a semi-fmal against the allconquering London Towers, the Budweiser League champions who are attempting to secure a clean sweep of four

The Leopards had won all three league fixtures between the clubs but, when it mattered most, they slipped despite making up arrears of ten points to lead by five early in the last quarter of the decisive third leg. The Manchester coach. Mike Hanks refused to accept then that his players had blown it. "It was a championship game," he said."It was always going to go back and forth."

His key player, the American Mark Robinson, who had accumulated 58 points in the previous two games, was restricted to 15 this time but it did not really malter as the Giants had, in Kevin St Kitts the match-winner. With five three-pointers from nine attempts. SI Kitts assumed the

main scoring responsibility. The Leopards will, forever, rue the last few seconds of the first two quarters. Each time they conceded a vital basket on the buzzer. After the score at the end of the first quarter, though, Billy Mims, the Leopards' coach, left the officials shaking his head in annoyance at the decision that had gone against his squad. When Panjie Grainger scored on the stroke of half-time to give the Giants an interval lead of 36-

29, Mims had no argument. After a miserable third quarter, when they conceded the first three baskets to Karl Brown and two three-pointers to Chris Fite, to comprehensively concede their advantage, the Giants produced a stirring recovery over the last

They were helped as the Leopards fouled them seemingly at every opportuntity, with the result that eight of Manchester's last ten points came from the free-throw line. The other semi-final, on May 4. is between Birmingham and Sbeffield. The final will be the following

#### Lyle gives cause for optimism

AT 16 years and four months old, the youngest player to appear for Great Britain in a world championship, the Cardiff Devil netminder, Stevie Lyle, was one of several young players who gave cause for optimism for the future of British ice hockey in the pool B tournament which ended in Eindhoven on Saturday. After losing their first two

games, Great Britain took fourth place with nine points. one fewer than Belorussia. Making his debut against

Belorussia, Lyle had the misfortune to see his defence concede a goal after only 85 seconds. Britain, however, fought back well to win 4-2

and world

with goals from Ashley Tait, Neil Morgan, Kevin Conway and Simon Hunt. Latvia drew I-I with Swilzerland to win the group with 13 points out of 14 and gained promotion to pool A after finishing as runners-up for the past two years, while Japan, who gained only three points. finished bottom and will be relegated to pool C.

Warrington ...... Paris Saint-Germain .... 24

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ON THEIR first visit to their friends in the north, the fledgling Paris Saint-Germain rugby league side was taught some of the harsher realities of life in the Stones Super League, although the newcorners' second away defeat was not without some encouragement yesterday.

Warrington exposed a degree of naivety about Paris that better sides might exploit more fully, but the visitors' enthusiasm never dimmed and four tries, three to the burly left wing, Regis Pastre-Courtine, who will have been annoyed at missing two more. was a healthy return in the circumstances.

Paris remain unbeaten in three matches at home, where opponents have real cause to fear them. Nonetheless, two unsuccessful sorties into foreign territory, including defeat by London, hint at where most of their troubles will lie. Tas Baitieri, the Paris man-ager, was critical of decisions a 58-0 crushing of Wurkington. Terry

and Patrick Eotat in the second half, but indiscipline in its various forms undid much of the visitors' good work, particularly in defence, where far too many holes opened up. It is a learning process,

to sin-bin Pierre Chamorin

though, and Paris remain in a position of adversity, having to loan players back to clubs playing in overlapping domestic competition. You must remember, this was only our fifth game," Baitieri said. "The club was pulled together in eight months. In Australia, they give you three years before putting you in at this standard of competition.

LEEDS overpowered Sheffield Eagles 36-22 to

record their first victory in the Super League,

with Graham Holroyd, their scrum half, scoring two tries and kicking two goals.

Leeds, however, lost Nathan Picchi, their

New Zealand forward, with a dislocated

shoulder. "It looks quite serious and he is

going to need an operation which will keep

him out of the game for four to five months."

London Broncos romped to their biggest

Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, said.

There is a lot of progress to

Warrington, with their fourth win from five, were pleased, particularly with the contributions of the props. Hilton, Chambers, Sumner and Jones. Considering the errors made, it was remarkable that they scored eight

Alex Murphy, the Warrington manager, still hopes to make substantial changes to his team. "We're looking for four or five world-class players," he said. "We're doing all right with what we've got and have to be patient. OK, we keep chipping away." Willie Swann, the Western

Samoa scrum half, arrives next week from Auckland to fill what was a problem pos-ition for Kelly Shelford for much of the first half yesterday. A try then restored his confidence sufficiently for him to have a hand in all the others scored in the second period.

Kohe-Love, the New Zealand teenager, claimed two tries in the opening 12 min-utes, during which Paris kept in touch, Entat's precision kick finding Pastre-Courtine with delightful ease. When Entat is on form, so

Matterson scored one try and kicked 11 goals

some consistency," Joyner said.

Holroyd helps Leeds break duck

for a personal tally of 26 points.

Two second-half tries in four minutes by SCORERS: Warrington: Tries: Kohe-Love (2), Knoti (2), Hough, Sheltord, Rudd, Penny, Goals: Harris (4), Knoti (3), Rudd. Paris Saint-Germain: Tries: Passe-Courtine (3), Vergriol, Goals: Torreites (4). Paul Atcheson helped Oldham to a 24-20 win on Saturday at Castleford, whose coach. John Joyner, accused Colin Morris, the referee, of inconsistency in sending off Grant Anderson for a high tackle. No action was taken against high challenges by Oldham players that left Nathan Sykes with a broken jaw and Lee Harland with a neck injury. "I'm not saying our man shouldn't have gone, but let's have

#### Paris experience some northern discomfort we've got two points. You just are Paris: but Warrington managed to close the scrum half down and, when good last-ditch tackling was wasted by the failure to mark Hough at the play-the-ball, allowing

was beyond them. In reply to Pastre-Courtine's second try, after Rudd fumbled. Knott, in the Warrington second row, dictated affairs. He first dispatched Rudd, then brilliantly supported Cullen and Shelford for two tries himself.

him a simple try, the game

Shelford was at the heart of the next try by Penny, whose side-step bemused a weary Paris defence, although the visitors finished strongly. Vergniol scoring with his first touch and Pastre-Courtine completing his hat-trick with a fine burst up the left flank.

Courtine (3), Vergniol. Goals: Torrelles (4).
WARRINGTON: L. Penny, M. Forster, T. Kohe-Love. C. Rudd. R. Hensrer, I. Harris, K. Shetford: M. Hitton, J. Hough, G. Chembers. I. Knod. P. Cullen, P. Scutthrope. Subs used: M. Jones, P. Sumner, A. Bennett, M. Mash. PARIS. SAINT-GERMAIN: B. Yahe, P. Bornett, P. Chemonn, L. Luncheste, R. Pastre-Courtine, F. Desecchi, P. Erifet: G. Kacele, P. Torrelles, K. Urolomenu, D. Adams, D. Cabestany, J. Pech. Subs. used: V. Bloomfield, M. Larie, E. Vergniol.
Reteree: S. Presley.

#### Calzaghe has Duff singing his praises

By SRIKUMAR SEN. BOXING CORRESPONDENT

JOE CALZAGHE could be the became too excited and threw best of a new generation of super-middleweights if his manager, Mickey Duff, is right about his future. After the British champion's fifth-round victory over Mark Delaney, of West Ham, at Brentwood on Saturday, Duff considers his man to be better than Nigel Benn was at the

same point in his career.
"I don't mean any disrespect to Benn or any of the others. but Calzaghe is a better fighter at this stage than any one of them was," Duff said. Calzaghe, who is unbeaten as a professional, added: "The last time t lost a fight was seven years ago, when I was 17. I have been the distance only three times in the last

seven years." Calzaghe's disposal Delaney in the fifth was impressive as the challenger was unbeaten in 21 contests and had the solid support of a hostile West Ham crowd.

Calzaghe floored Delaney twice in the first but was unable to finish it as he

punches in an uncontrolled manner. In the fifth, when he dropped Delaney twice again, the referee, John Coyle, quickly intervened, having seen Delaney receive a pasting in the intervening rounds.

Calzaghe admitted that he got carried away in the first round because he was "wound up by the crowd, who were swearing and spitting at him. and he was determined to silence them. Duff put his impetuosity down to lack of P.J. Gallagher, of Wood

Green, finally meets Davey McHale, of Glasgow, for the British super-featherweight title tonight at Crystal Palace. Gallagher can expect an easier outing this time, compared with the one against the replacement, Rakhim Mingaleev, of the Ukraine, who came in late last time when McHale dropped out with a cartilage injury. The Scot is unlikely to prove as tough as the Ukrainian and the contest is unlikely to go the distance

Pitch only

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By KEITH PIKE

niably tense, and the pitch ar. Elm Park could be dug up and

improved at the same time. Second, the reality: standards

in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division have

never been lower. At times this

season, it has seemed as if-

eams outside the Premiership

It was not only at Reading

are playing a different sport.

on Saturday that confirmation

arrived with every scuffed

shot, overhit pass and unseen

run. As BBC Radio Five Live

vent round the grounds at

half-time. the verdict was

unanimous: poor, dismal, dreadful . . . a different venue,

similarly damning adjective.

"Mediocre" was the most posi-rive description. Lucky chap.—

safe to say the reporter in

question was not watching

this apology of a match. Yet, while the clubs, and the

managers, must take some of

the blame - the few teams

that try to play on the ground, through midfield, do not do it

well enough — the fact is that the Premiership elite, with

their massive share of the

game's revenues and their

absurdly enlarged squads, have cornered not just the

cash market but the talent

Consider Alan Curbishley's

problems. A few injuries and

suspensions and he is "sitting

down with a team-sheet won-

dering where I'm going to get 14 names from ", and this the

manager of a Charlton Athlet

ic team with every chance of

reaching the play-offs. Because of the limited size of

his squad, his young, inexperi-enced team "have had to play

so many games, it is no

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Charlton Athletic ...

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By a CORRESPONDENT

IF SOMETHING is worth doing, it is worth doing late. The destiny of Crystal Palace is now in their own hands. In a rwo-horse race for the second autoritatic promotion place into the FA Carling Premiership they are in a position to ensulate Red Rum at Aintree 23 years ago and overtake Derby County, the Endsleigh Insurance League first divi-sion's equivalent of the long-time race-leader. Crisp, with

the finishing post in sight. The two clubs meet at the Baseball Ground on Sunday in a game that could resolve the matter. Derby, for whom victory would ensure promotion, will meet a robust, wellorganised, abrasive Palace

At Christmas, Dave Bassett.

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then at Sheffield United, predicted that Sunderland and Derby would finish first and second. It is fair to say that Palace would not have occupied his thoughts for long.

Since Bassen took over at Selhurst Park in February, however, Palace have won 12 out of 18 games and lost just two. The club had taken a painfully long time to regroup after relegation last season but, while they were not in deep relegation trouble when Bassen arrived, the gradient of their ascent has been steep enough to worry the bravest mountaineer.

"It would be crazy to say I expected this," Bassen, a veteran of promotion campaigns with Wimbledon and Sheffield United, said, "I wish I could say there was a secret because then I'd be worth millions of pounds. I've just asked them to do jobs that suit them and the confidence has come from getting results, which is always the way."

Suddenly, people are paying Bassen what could be considered a backhanded compliment by saying that his side is not good enough for the Premiership. Palace have lost players such as Southgate, Armstrong, Shaw and Coleman from the one that took them down, but have developed a resilience that would hold them in good stead. Nor would they shirk anything on the physical side, as Wolverhampton Wanderers discovered on Saturday.

One man expecting them to leapfrog Derby is Mark McGhee, the Wolverhampton manager, who has pledged to spend the summer rebuilding a learn that has once again underachieved. The fact that we are at this stage of the season and still candidates for relegation is scandalous, given the size of the club," he said.

Wolverhampton had chances through Steve Bull and Mark Rankine, the latter cleared off the line by Andy Roberts, before Palace went ahead in the 31st minute. David Hopkin won possession from Simon Osborn and left Dean Richards on his backside before shooting leftfooted under Mike Stowell.

Richards is rated highly in

the West Country and Manchester United are reportedly among his suitors. Yet he gave the sort of display that will have Premiership managers switching attention to his colleague. Neil Emblen. Twice, Emblen held up Palace when they counter-attacked with perfectly-timed chal-lenges, on top of which he had the confidence to carry the ball into and beyond midfield, and pass with either foot.

The lively Bruce Dyer had his happiest moments against Richards, not least when he nipped in front of him to head Palace's second goal over the poorly-positioned Stowell after a shot from Roberts had ballooned off a defender in the 55th minute.

There is a soft underbelly here where we miss easy chances and give away silly goals." McGhee said. "What we have got here clearly isn't good enough. We could have won this game 1-0 but it wouldn't have made me think any different in the longer

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 13-5-2) M Stowell — D Richards, N Emblen, M Venus — A Thompson, M Randone (sub: D Venus — A Thompson, M Rankine (sub) D Foley. 78mnl, S Osborn, S Conca, S Fraggari (sub) J De Wolf, 40] — M Williams (sub) O Goodman, 25), S Bull, CHYSTAL PALACE (5-3-2), N Martyn — M Edwarthy, D Tuttle, A Roberts, L Ancharsson, J Vinceni — D Pricher, D Hoplan, S Rodger — B Dyer, O Freedman (sub) C Veart, 76)



Rare excitement at Kenilworth Road as Oakes, left, of Luton, gets in a shot despite the attentions of Hessenthaler, the Watford captain

#### Domestic dispute on a downward spiral which all belief had gone: only Simon Barnes intrudes on the private passions stirred by a

The Hertfordshire taxi driver discoursed on Newcastle United and Liverpool: the Bedfordshire taxi driver was wearing a Manchester United shirt. Both pronounced the word "United" with the London overspill dialect: Uni'ed.

That is the way of football these days. The FA Carling Premiership has become enormous: northern teams are a nationwide concern. There is a trade-off, however: the corresponding diminution of such fixtures as Luton Town v Watford.

The Premiership derby games are national issues, north or south: we had Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool v Everton last week, both on television and ntuch discussed across the nation. People are still debating the penalty awarded in the all-Manchester FA Cup tie. Typical United penalty. Not so long ago. Luton and

Watford were high-fliers in the top division, which was then called, not illogically, the first division. Watford all but won it under a dashing young manager called Graham Taylor, who was clearly a man marked for great things.

policy of toadying to Margaret Thatcher, Politics and membership cards became more important than football. Both clubs had their time in the sun but, once you start falling,

there is a tendency to carry on

But who cares? Well, a lot of people. This occasion was simmering with emotion, players and supporters alike. One chap needed six policemen to take him away. He was seriously moved by it all. It was a private affair, however, and I felt very much

an intruder. I felt. as the police used to say dismissively, when told of some appalling crime of violence: "It's a domestic." Here, the neutral was not an observer but a voyeur, intruding on private passions remote from the public world of the Premiership.

Two groups of supporters turned at 45 degrees in their seats to watch each other across the corner of the pitch. You would find this understandable, had you seen the football. In these positions, Luton got side-tracked into a they expressed their passions. sides did lose. The statistics third-rate. It was a match in

The Lutoo supporters all about me were, I learnt, the Watford-haters".

goalless encounter between local rivals Luton and Watford

The rest of Hertfordshire apparently left them unmoved: Tring and Hemel Hempstead they could toler-ate: Knebworth and Welwyn Garden City they politely ignored. Watford made the juices of hatred flow, however. and Watford, it was unambiguously clear, felt much the same about Luton.

'Ow could so much passion be 'eld in such a small body?" René wondered in that seminal sit-com, Allo, Allo, 1 felt much the same.

This was a relegation battle: both sides started the day in dire danger of falling to the second division. which is, of course, actually the third division. There is a Shankly-ism — it is high fime that we admitted a second to the general lexicon — unered when two rivals for the championship were playing:

"I hope you both lose." At Luton on Saturday, both will tell you that the result was 0-0, but in fact, it was a result that will probably send both

clubs down. Not much inspiring about that at all," Luther Blissett, the Watford coach, said. "That's why the clubs are in the position they're in. People didn't rise above their normal game. That do-or-die sort of thing - it wasn't really there.

Sometimes and intensity, great rivalry, lends wings to players, the Liverpool v Newcastle United game of blessed memory being the now-classic example. Here, it worked the other way. The players were hog-fied by passion. "We cut each other's throats," Lennie Lawrence, the Luton manager, said.

The gulf between the Premiership and the rest is now so wide that, in a game such as this, players lose faith in the abilines they had. It was as if they knew they were secondrate and were now ready to accept, binerly, the fact that they will soon be among the

a little bitter passion was left. This expressed itself in fouls. With an hour gone and the

bookings spilling into double figures, it seemed that the referee was frantically trying to remember who he had booked so that he would not have to send someone off. Of course, it happened in the end, and Alexander, of Luton, had to go for his second bookable offence after an 89th-minute fit of petulance.

It was that kind of match. Luton looked like a side that had scored 30 goals in 42 marches; Watford, I am told. have improved considerably since Taylor returned to their bosom. Wow. I know I have not included any kick-by-kick stuff in this

report, but, believe me, I am doing you a favour. "I've go' a feeling Uni'ed are going to win," the red-shirted taxi driv-er said. I paid him and remembered to get a receipt. LUTON TOWN (3-5-2) I Feuer — G Awander, D Panerson, S Davis, M Thomas — D Oldfield (sub- G Tomirson, Timol M Inthren, S Calant Timon,

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WATFORD (4-4-2), h. Miller — O Bazeley, D
Ward, S Palmer (sub. D Payne, 76), O
Ludden — C Harrage, A Hessenthaler, G
Porter, T Mooney — D Connotly (sub. J
Moralee, 45), O White

surprise the season has caught up on one or two of them". And what of Jimmy Quinn. the Reading joint player-manager, who late in the second half kicked the turf in frustration as another pass leapt off a

divot to leave him angry and embarrassed? "The pitch is a disgrace and bas cost us points," Quinn said. "It needs rolling and watering, but..." The implication was that the money was not available and this from a manager with a chairman hardly short of a couple of bob. Few, then, could reasonably

criticise Charlton's desire to get out of the division, or even Reading's desperation to stay in it - it only gets worse the lower you go - but between them they produced a match of unalleviated tedium.

Quinn had Reading's only effort on target, after 73 minutes, a header ripped over by Petterson, while Mihailov, the Reading goalkeeper, was eventually forced into three useful saves, the last and best of which kept out Bowver's close-range header. The BBC went to the snooker, where the description of players wiping the sweat off their cues sounded quite exciting.

READING (3-5-2): B Minallov — A Bernal, D Wdawczyk, J Hopkins — M Booty, P Parkason, O Caskey, M Gooding, M Gales — M Williams Isub: L Nogan, B6min), J Culin

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#### Smith's tension surfaces on edge of wilderness It has got so bad that Jim Smith, the Derby manager, has started atia central defender, was confident Derby County .....1



BY OLIVER HOLT DERBY County are getting nervous. They needed a victory on Saturday like they needed a dose of Prozac anything to calm them down. All they got was a tame draw that handed Sunderland a place in the FA Carling Premiership next season and allowed

Birmingham City .....1

like watching someone trapped in a

room where the floor is moving

inexorably towards the ceiling.

with his players, his twitching attempt to stop himself communicating his tension to the team. When he finally got a chance to express hintself from the dugout at the Baseball Ground on Saturday, he was tike a jack-in-a-box, leaping Crystal Palace to close to within a point of them in the race for the other automatic promotion place. It was

every few minutes from what ap-peared to be a spring-loaded bench. The football wilderness has kissed Smith on his crown and stripped him of his hair. Three times with three clubs - Middlesbrough, Newcastle United and Portsmouth - he has been involved in the play-offs and three times he has failed. Now he can

rationing himself to two days a week

see a fourth looming and, after the match, sweat poured off his pate. His team play Palace at home on

Sunday but, in their present state of mind. Derby are unlikely to come through it. "The players know what they have to do now, anyway." Smith said. "In the end, it did not matter what our result was today because Palace won. We've made it hard for ourselves all season and we are still making it hard. But we are one point ahead of the only team who can stop us. If we do not beat them, we don't deserve to go up that way."

Derby tried, as all Smith's teams do, to play neat, passing football against Birmingham City, and failed conspicuously. Only Stimac, the Cro-

and penetrarive. The rest huffed and puffed and blew ther tselves out.

Simpson, a winger who always flanered to deceive at Manchester City, was their best forward player. But he is still playing the same tune, still stroking the ball around with his sweet left foot — pleasant to watch but essentially ephemeral. He, like the majority of his team-mates, would be overrun in the Premiership.

Simpson put Derby ahead in the 55th minute, when he latched on to a mis-hit cross from Powell and mis-hit a low shot past Griemink. Then Derby sal back. Legg unleashed a gargantuan throw from the left, Francis headed it on at the near post and Breen nodded in the equaliser at the back post. Carbon, a late substitute, missed a fine chance to win it for Derby in injury time, but headed over from four yards out.

"I hope Derby go up," Barry Fry. the Birmingham manager, said. "Everyone in football would like to see Jim Smith back where he belongs, in the Premiership. But they have got the jitters and they might have to do it the hard way."

DERBY COUNTY (34-3): R Houti — G Rowert, I Simac, OYales — L Carsley (sub M Carbon, 82min) R Van der Laan (sub G Hodges, 85), P Trolope, C Powolf — R Willems (sub M Gabbiadin, 70), A Ward, P Smpson

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Francis, 19), P Barnes (sub A Legg. 50)

#### Portsmouth on thin ice Cantona wins over

Barnsley .....0

BY IVO TENNANT

THE incomparable county, as John Arlott called Hampshire, possesses two football clubs facing a similar fate. The wider community would have good reason to miss Southampton should they be relegated from the FA Carling Premiership, in that The Dell is as agreeable a ground as any. For Portsmouth, the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance League beckons.

Why struggle on at a level to which you aspire only in an historical sense? Better per-



haps to carry out in a lower division the radical changes that the manager deems necessary. The standard was dire on Saturday. To stay up.

Portsmouth may have to beat lpswich Town at home and Huddersfield Town away at a time when both clubs are looking to reach the play-offs. An unlikely occurrence "Please God we can sur-

vive," Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager, said: "I have some very exciting kids If he has, and we have to

take him at his word, their promise was not evident here. A tense match was to be expected, but then so was a modicum of ability. In the eyes of both managers, only the referee, who took eight names, had any shortcomings.

Portsmouth, whose most skilful player. Walsh, was on crutches and who had others suspended, had to wait until injury time for their best opportunity of breaking the deadlock.

they had the match won. Rees had come on for Pethick, the right back whose dreadful foul on Archdeacon in the first half enamoured hint to neither the opposition nor the referee.

They thought, then, that

Some 25 yards from goal,

the substitute struck a volley with rare fiming. Watson, who had had all too little to do in Barnsley's goal, reacted with commendable concentration given how infrequently it had been nourished.

No wonder Watson has attracted interest from else-where and that Danny Wilson, his manager, insisted the club had no pressing financial need to sell him. Let us hope, too, that the three Dutchmen remain, even if Barnsley is just about the last place in the country you would expect to find them.

Barnsley rarely tested Portsmouth's supporters club's player of the year, as Knight was declared to be before the match. There were too many niggling fouls disrupting such flow as there was.

Wilson contended that the referee almost lost any semblance of control, but the bookings were a necessary remedial measure. These kind of matches bring about dis-cord and, ultimately. dissatisfaction.

PORTSMOUTH (4-4-2) A Knight — R Pothick (sub. J Ress, 83mm), A Awfard, G Butters, I. Russell — A McLaugnin, M Alten S. Igod, J. Cance — D. Burton (sub. L Bradbury, 91), P. Hati BARNSLEY (3-5-2) O Watson — A Mosos, S Jones, A De Zenure — N Eaden, D Shendan, M Bullock, B O'Connell, O Archdeacon — O Regis, A Liddell Isub G

# his sternest critics

ERIC CANTONA completed the most remarkable rehabilitation by a Frenchman since Charles de Gaulle was summoned to the Presidency from Colombey Les Deux Eglises, when he was elected as Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers' Association on Saturday (Peter Ball writes). He has received the English game's greatest individual accolade ahead of Ruud Gullit seven months after returning from an eight-

month suspension. "It is an honour and a privilege," Cantona said. "It is an honour for me and my country. It is also a wonderful tribute to the rest of my colleagues at Manchester

United," Just over a year ago. he was banned for an assault on a spectator after his dismissal against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. A two-week prison sentence for the same

offence was commuted on appeal to community service. He has not looked back. "This is a triumph for British justice." Alex Ferguson, the United manager. said. "The honour is well deserved because Eric has

been the best player in Eng-

land this season.

Now his reform has been recognised by a group which had included his sternest critics. He joins names such as Matthews. Finney. Best. Charlton, Wright and Blanchflower in the pantheon of the game's greats.

Surprisingly in view of Manchester United's leading position this decade, he is the club's first player to receive the award since George Best, who celebrates his fiftieth birthday next month.

On footballing grounds. there can be few quarrels with the decision, although Gullit's displays for Chelsea this season have won him considerable support. The decision, though, as with the election of Kenny Burns, of Notlingham Forest, in 1978, reflects the transformation in Cantona's behaviour as well as his ability.

So, for the second year running, the award goes to one of the overseas players who have added so much glamour to the Premiership. With Gullit coming second that development is even more pronounced. But, unlike Jürgen Klinsmann, who only stayed for a season. Cantona's commitment to the English game is unquestioned.

# Ipswich denied easy ride

Southend United ......2 Ipswich Town .....1

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

THERE are two schools of thought about mid-table

teams who come up against promotion or relegation con-tenders. With linle at stake, they either relax and play uninhibitedly or they relax and succumb quietly. Matching their opponents for passion is not on the agenda. Thus the comment in the programme notes on Satur-

day from Ronnie Whelan, the manager of twelfth-placed Southend United, that "we owe it to ourselves and other teams in play-off contention to give nothing less than 100 per cent" could have been seen as no more than good form. However, a compenitive display from his teant denied Ipswich Town time, space and the victory that they needed to keep them in sixth place in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. No easy rides at

Roots Hall. While the home side showed a healthy commitment, the keyword for Ipswich was desperation. It's a tightrope, really," George Burley, their manager, said, "You're desperate for the points. We want

to stay in the top six and today that meant winning, to didn't happen. We had chances. decisions went against us."

After an even first half. Oublin's close-range header for Southend equalising Middieton's early strike, the second session opened with one of those decisions - a yellow card for Hails, of Southend, after he had pulled Marshall back just outside the box. Not red? The referee told me it wasn't an obvious foul." Burley said. Obvious enough to warrant a direct free kick, he

might have added. Worse was to follow for the visitors. Ten minutes from time, as they were beginning to run out of ideas, an appar-



ently unmissable chance presented itself when Royce, the Southend goalkeeper, lost the ball under the challenge of Marshall. It fell to Mathie. who, with an empty net before him, hit the foot of a post. He was promptly substituted.

If such a wasted opportunity

were not bad enough, Ipswich forfeited even one point with the last kick of the match, Marsh's dipping shot from outside the area curling beyond Forrest's left hand intothe top corner. "We attack and we've scored more goals than anyone else

in England," Burley said. "But" now it's a battle, it's not about the best football team. Today was a devastating loss." Whelan, meanwhile, was considering what might bave

been but for his side's incon-sistency. "We're only four points off the play-off places," he mused "God knows what could have happened." The obvious answer, judged by Burley's experience, is that Whelan, too, could have been desperate, devastated and disappointed

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Rebuilding required before Sunderland embark on their Premiership adventure

# Stoke put damper on promotion celebration

By ROB HUGHES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A FEELING of completeness now settles on the North East where, for the first time in 20 years, the Tyne, the Tees and the Wear are flowing in harmony. Sunderland are assured of promotion to the FA Carling Premiership, where they will join Newcastle Uni-ted and Middlesbrough, and need one more point to go up

as champions. But there was a mist off the North Sea that clouded out yesierday's sunshine. There is pain ahead. Peter Reid, assunling he stays as manager, knows that he will have to be cruel in pruning out players and finding the money - £10 million has apparently been promised - to build a side

Bury given roasting ..... 30 Results and tables ...... 30 Woking's hopes fade ..... 31

capable of doing what was beyond Bolton Wanderers this season - bridging that awesome gap between the Eodsleigh Insurance League and the Premiership.

fn a way, it was a muted celebration yesterday, for a young manager now has to look some of his players in the eye and say Thanks, and

And yet, the crowd had not come for a quiet afternoon. For half an hour before the kick-off their latest favourile anthem Cheer up Peter Reid, rang out, sung with fervour enough to shake the old iron stands around them.

This is the other side of the North-East equation. Newcastle United has a rebuill stand fit for the next millenium; Middlesbrough has a brand new stadium, while Sunderland, living in antiquity at Roker Park, are due to move out not next

tion was dissipated by a cheerless first half in which imagination was at a premi-um, and neither goalkeeper had much to do. You could hardly blame Stoke City, coming to a ground where nine of the previous ten visitors had failed to score, and few had not wilted under pressure.

Stoke, just four points away from confirming a place in the play-offs, were determined to allow Sunderland to settle.

Apart from a moment of excitement, when Richard Ord, one of Sunderland's more positive defenders, volleyed over the bar from eight yards, after Mclville had headed down a free kick from Agnew, we were left with only two breaks.

Sturridge, a little bull of a man offering both pace and penetration for Stoke, turned Melville and scooped the ball into the box, but Sheron's header across the face of goal went wide. Then, just before half-time, Michael Gray, from 25 yards, instinctively tested Prudhoe, but the goalkeeper who has come full circle - he has had II career moves since being rejected by Sunderland as an apprentice - reacted athletically to parry the ball with a dive to his right.

Both managers. Reid and Lou Macari, are known for powers of motivation and clearly they used the interval to demanded a higher tempo. Only seven minutes into the second period, Potter, using his weaker right foot. suddenly let fly from 25 yards. and Chamberlain just managed to fingertip the ball onto his crossbar.

Moments later, Sturridge burst through on the left and unselfishly rolled the ball to Devlin who, from ten yards, was woefully wide.

Sunderland have been rebuilt as were Newcastle United before them, around the pedigree offered by Paul Bracewell. Close to 34 now, he



Champagne time in the Sunderland dressing-room as the manager, Peter Reid, and his players celebrate the club's return to the top flight

remains tenacious and still able, in his position anchoring the midfield, to find more time and space than those around him. This man embodies Sunderland. He will not give up, just as he refused to give up his career when it was threatened by operation after operation on his ankle. If he was never again the England play-er he was before the broken

bone and tendon injury, he has been a marvellous servant in the North East.

Sunderland also gave us two glimpses of their tomorrow by putting on as substitutes Michael Bridges, 17, a centre forward, and then the swift winger, Sam Aiston, 19. It was like throwing a fizzy pill into a sterile drink

Almost immediately,

Bridges, discovered for Sunderland by Jack Hixon, the scout who found Alan Shearer, got behind Sigurdsson, only to be repelled by Prudhoe. Bridges then wriggled free of the defenders for a second time and should really have scored. But, betrayed by excitement. he shot against a

post with only the goalkeeper

to beat. Sadly, he was later

eltic beat Falkirk 4-0 on

have sensed dejection

approaching. At Fir Park,

Rangers won 3-1 against

Motherwell and now need a

single victory to take the Bell's

Scottish League premier divi-

sion title for an eighth consec-

utive season. For their

supporters, little anxiety

Instead they can study their

match of the season. It now

seems virtually certain that

Celtic will be left to ponder a

set of triumphant statistics

that have failed to bring them

Tommy Burns's side has

lost just one league game. a

remains.

a trophy.

Saturday, but will still

taken off on a stretcher with an ankle injury.

The goalless draw lengthened Sunderland's unbeaten run to 17 games, beating a record that goes back to the 1920s, when this stadium was perhaps in its pomp, and when Sunderland were automatically thought of as one of the powers in the land. If those

Loyal retainers at heart

needs not only the new stadi-um - to be built on the site of a disused colliery - but also a dramatically reshaped team. SUNDERIAND (4-4-2) A Chamberlan — O Kubuci, A Mesnile, R Crd, M Scott — S Agnaw (subt S Aston, 71min), P Bracewell K Batt M Gray — L Howey, C Russell (sub B Podges, 61, sub; G Hall, 89) STOKE CITY (4-4-21 M Pruthoe — Clarkson, L Sigurdsson, J Whatle, 1 Sandtod — M Dowlin, N Gleghorn, F Wallace, G Potter (subt J Dreyer, 82) — S Sturdige, M Shoron

bound for Ibrox, It may be that

one will not know until next

season what worth this season

has had for Burns's players.

One wonders how Celtic will

react to the experience of

finding their great efforts wholly unrewarded.

cannot complacently send out

the hope that all the recent

improvement has given them

an irresistible momentum. In-

stead, there will continue to be changes as he tries to give his

side more ways of winning its

matches. Jorge Cadete, signed at the end of March, is still not

fit enough to start games after

the four-month dispute with

Sporting Lisbon that kept him

out of football, but it is already

evident that he will bring

Appearing for the last 15

searing pace to the attack.

Burns appreciates that he

same team next season in

#### Oldham's outlook brightens thanks to orange aid

Alyson Rudd sees

Graeme Sharp's

side display strong survival instincts

THIS match was mind-boggling. Oldham Athletic's strip was a bizarre colour, they had to endure a torrent of Millwall pressure and barely took the

ball out of their own half. Defeat would have condemned them, mentally if not mathemaocally, to relegation from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Instead, after a 1-0 victory at the New Den, Oldham's optimism is now as bright as their star-

tling orange shirts.

It looked as if it would be another bad day for Umbro, with the Oldham players confused by the orange jackets worn by the stewards and the match photographers. But the stewards quickly donned green waistcoats and the pholographers turned their jackets inside out.

Not content with that, Oldham gave the opposition every chance to take the lead, with Malkin celebrating in the 38th minute after the only fluid move of the game had given him time to beat Hallworth. His joy was shortlived; his shot ricocheted off the upright and Rae headed the loose ball

in the second half, Oldham tightened their defence, though their football did not improve. But, as Graeme Sharp, their manager, said: 'In this position, you have to scrap for everything you

They took the lead through a penalty. Witter, clearly astonished to find a Belisha beacon in the area, brought down Richardson, who converted his sixth spot-kick of the season. Sharp's comment that his team were playing for their careers suddenly hit home. Rae and Makin were dismissed for brawling and Oldham's clearances were as desperate as Millwall's shots.

Having spent II weeks at the top of the division. Millwall are now left only with games wich Town and are prime candidates for relegation. This may surprise statisticians but Jimmy Nicholl, the Millwall manager. For if one interprets Nicholl correctly, Millwall's reign was acciden-

tal. His players have no idea how to achieve anything. "f am not going to destroy them as such," Nicholl said, and then proceeded to do just that. "You can't get rid of 30 pros in a clean sweep," he mused, clearly wishing that he could. The focus for his dismay was Millwall's indiscipline, which led to his firstchoice back four being suspended on Saturday. He will now lose Rae for the game

at Portman Road. "I don't care if I go down as the biggest failure in the history of Millwall Football Club," Nicholl said, "I am going to sort out this discipline

problem, once and for all."

Had Millwall possessed a half-decent striker, such zeal might have been kept under wraps. As it is, do not expect to see Nicholl celebrating should Millwall keep their first-division status. "And we are going to have a big party at the end of the season because we have just managed to avoid relegation?" he asked. "Don't believe

MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller -- M Doyle (sub: L Neil, 63min), J Connor, A Witter, A Rogan (sub: U Fuchs, 82): -- R Newmen (sub: R Cadette, 70), A Rae. R Bowry, M Wer -- S Yuran, C Malkin.

wer — 5 Yuran, C Mallon, OLDHAM ATHLETIC (3-5-2): J Hallworth — C Fleming, I Smodin (sub: A Hughes, 81) S Redmond — C Maltin, R Graham, I Richardson, P Richert, C Serrant — 5 McCarthy (sub, S Barlow, 72), G Creaney.

# Leicester aware of credibility gap

Huddersfield Town ......1

BY DAVID MADDOCK

IT HAS become something of a joke, this business of promotion from the Endsleigh Insurance League. You know the sort of thing . . . sides climbing into the lop flight have about the same prospects come Christmas as a Bernard Matthews turkey.

But, to the teams engaged in the sweaty grapple for ascendancy at the summit of the first division, it is no laughing matter. How many clubs in the first division can realistically hope to survive, let alone thrive, in the rarefied atmosphere of the FA Carling

Premiership? One? Possibly. The financial gulf between the two divisions has become so wide that clubs are scriously man, and a member of the questioning whether it is sworth the risk of going up at all, if the outcome is almost it as a "credibility gap", and delightful cross after 40 minutes to allow Walsh to volley into the right corner. Seven minutes into the second half, wide that clubs are seriously questioning whether it is all, if the outcome is almost certain relegation, and the despair that brings. Better a big fish with limited horizons than shark fodder.

Both teams in a contest of reasonable quality supported that assertion. They both have players who could make the transition to a higher level, Emile Heskey, the Leicester City forward, in particular displaying a rare combination of athleticism and skill. But even £10 million spent wisely in the summer sales would not increase significantly their prospects of staying up.

escaped the attention of Martin George, the Leicester chairargues, passionately, that the Premiership must work urgently with their lower division colleagues to ensure that the relegation issue does not end up as pure farce.

The Premiership has to realise that they will be just as badly affected if there is effectively no promotion and relegation from their league, just a constant yo-yo, which is what is already developing. Their competition will lack credibility," he said. With this victory, Leicester

revived their chances of a tilt

created both goals, the first a into the right corner. Seven minutes into the second half, a strong run and inspirational pass allowed Claridge to side-

foot into an open goal. In between, Bullock, of Huddersfield Town, scored with a delicious strike from distance. For both sides, a day out at Wembley may just be the limit of their ambitions this season.

LEICESTER CTY (4-4-2): K Poole — S Grayson, J Walts, S Walch, M Writtow — M Ezet, N. Lernon, S Taylor, E Heskey — S Carloge, M Robres (salo: G Parker, Schrin) HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-2): S France, — S Jenter, P Soulky, K Gray, T Cowen — R Edwards, M Ward (salo: S Collins, 75), O R Edwards, M Ward (salo: S Collins, 75), O Refered I Maliot (not-S Calabore, Ed) — A

### Swindon unable to celebrate in style

Swindon Town .....

By PETER BALL

SWINDON Town gained the point they needed to return to the Endsleigh Insurance first division at Bloomfield Road on Saturday and give their manager, Steve McMahon, the "greatest mo-ment" of a career littered with honours. However, there was no champagne with which to relebrate.

Instead, a niggling after-noon, which did nothing for Blackpool's reputation for hospitality, culminated in a heated exchange outside the

enied east

Allardyce, the Blackpool manager, broke up his opposite number's press conference. McMahon had just started when Allardyce stormed in to order the press

out, shoving and shouting.

McMahon's protests were ignored. When he responded angrily, the PA system annouocer, Chris Hull Sr, an undertaker by trade and father of the Endsleigh League press officer who had pointed the waiting journal ists to McMahon, joined in with some pithy remarks sug-gesting McMahon should go back to Merseyside.

"Thanks for the cham-pagne, Sam," McMahon

called sarcastically. Blackpool had not fulfilled the niceties sending a bottle into the visitors' dressing-room, a custom on such occasions. The disruption of his press conference upset the manager more.

"I think it's outrageous."

McMahon said when he resumed on the field with Swindon's chanting supporters in the background. "Il puts a damper on it. But it's fantastic to get straight back. Now we need to consolidate." On Saturday, they looked a class, maybe several classes, ahead of Blackpool, whose raw-boned approach was mirtheir manager

afterwards. Allison beaded down Rob-

score his fifteenth goal of the season, an unpressive return for a midfield player, but Swindon failed to build on that platform, and Blackpool's determination brought them back into it. Swindon looked capable of weathering the storm until Barlow claimed his first goal for Blackpool with a fine, swerv-

ing 25-yard shot. BLACKPOOL (4-2-3-1): E Nitton — M Bryan, J Lydiste, O Linighan, A Barlow — M Mellon, M Bomer (subt A Bis, 67min) — J Culmin, A Wasson (subt P Brown, BS), L Philoott — A Presos. SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2): F Digby — M Pobitson, J Culverhouse, S Taylor — P Alen (subt M Segraves, 86), S Labich (subt W O'Subt M Segraves, 86), S Labich (subt W O'Subt M Segraves, 86), S Labich (subt W O'Subt M Segraves, 86), S Labich (subt Bodin — W Allison, P Thome (subt S Cowe, Bodin — W Allison, P Thome (subt S Cowe,

record matched only by Porto in the whole of Europe. Given those circumstances, Celtic hardly deserve to be scolded. but their vulnerability has lain in frittering away points in goalless draws. Such a result, at Motherwell last month, may come to be regarded as the fatal wound for the team. At that same ground on

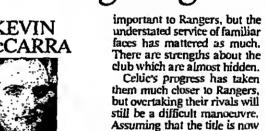
Saturday, Rangers demonstrated their superior capacity to impose themselves, taking the lead in the fifth minute through Stuart McCall's low drive. The visitors bristled with a sense of purpose, eventually overwhelming the stolid Motherwell defence with the repeated runs from midfield of Paul Gascoigne,



diaries and wonder whether the euphoria will come after Gordon Durie, Brian Lau-Aberdeen's visit to lbrox on Sunday or on the trip to Kilmarnock for the last league

The appetite for trophies cononues to be remarkable.

Rangers are less inclined to tamper with their team than is pionships was won, in 1989.



Scottish commentary

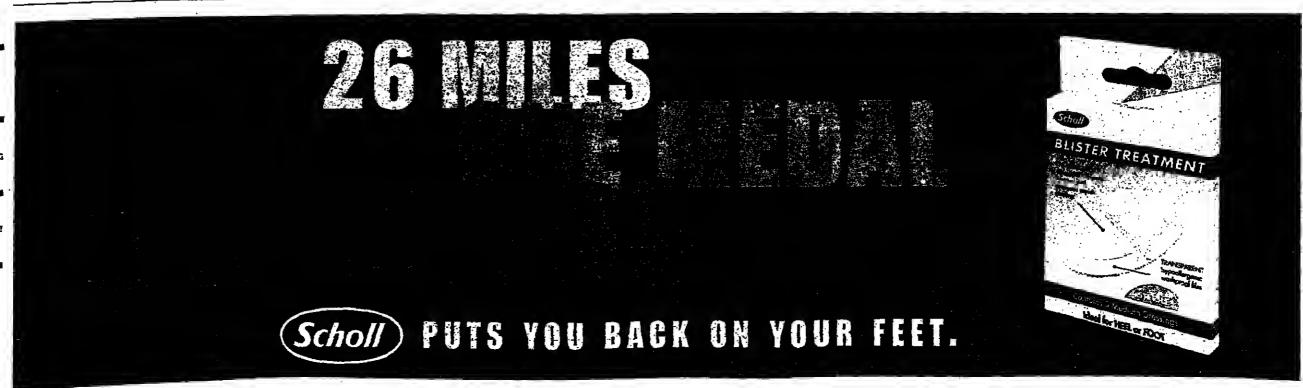
drup, David Robertson and McCall.

Teams go into decline once they have been sated by success and managers will commonly sign players in an attempt to graft on fresh ambition. While Rangers transler dealings have been numerous, though, the en-grossing tumult of arrivals and departures at Ibrox disguises à different trait.

supposed. Six of the side which defeated Motherwell, for example, have been at the club for five years or more. Of that group, John Brown and Richard Gough, the captain, were signed even before the first of the present sequence of cham-

The flourishes of Laudrup and Gascoigne, who is now only one booking away from a suspension that would rule him out of the Tennents Scottish Cup final, have been





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The tranquillity of a summer to come could be felt at Darlington Football Club's Feethams ground. On one side, a match was in progress at Darlington Cricket Club and football supporters in T-shirts and slacks ambled past, affording proceedings the odd impassive glimpse. On the other side, and visible from the main stand, several tennis matches were unfolding languidly at the nearby Polam Hall school.

sounds of summer

Trapped in this sandwich of serenity. Darlington and Bury, the Quakers and the Shakers, set about each other with a passion. They both hold dreams of an escape from professional football's lowest caste and an entry, whether automatic or via the play-offs, to the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance League. It was expected to be a tense,

even affair, with a scarcity of goals, but Darlington, the 4-0 victors, gave the impression that they were already in a different league to their promotion rivals.

Much of Darlington's poency is built on their centreback pairing of Gregan and Crosby. They both stand at 6ft 2in and have a combined weight of nearly 27 stone. They form a wall of muscle across their penalty area and, when matters get anxious, they cheerfully send the ball to the adjacent cricket field. In their black and white

hoops, Darlington poured over Bury from the kick-off and fastened themselves to opponents like sticky mint humbugs. Every ball was chased to ground and no one dared stop to draw breath. Harmony was brought to the clutter when Carmichael, deep in the Bury penalty box, placed the ball past Bracey. Crosby headed onto the underside of the crossbar before Blake put Darlington two to the good with a goal lifted from Carmichael's template.

Bury responded with candid exertion but Darlington, their nerves now soothed, played rich, flowing football, especially when they approached the Bury goal. On a rare occasion when the ball reached the Darlington penalty area it bounced awkwardly and inade contact with Brumwell's hand. Mark Carter, the impish Bury striker, placed the ball on the penalty spot. A hush fell upon Feethams and



Painter brushes weary Bury aside

one heard the clean crack of willow from the other side of the Tin Shed, the name the Darlington supporters have given to their "end" behind the goal. Carter's effort was wretched, trickling along the sand and patchy grass for

Newell to save easily.

Painter and Blake continued to pass the ball around and through a bewildered Bury defence, in which only Lucketti stood tall against the onslaught. Carmichael hoofed the ball forward to Painter, who confidently stroked it beyond Bracey. He did the same again before the final whistle to supply a scoreline which did not exaggerate Darlington's superiority. Despite the result, Bury

have four points more than Darlington and still look favourites to command an automatic promotion spot while Darlington scrap it out with the likes of Plymouth Argyle, Wigan and Hereford United in the play-offs.

Carter, pertinently in the circumstances, put the match into the context of an arduous season. "Darlington were much the better side today." he said. They got the early goal and that really helped them. We still have a cushion of a few points on them and the

others chasing us. We've earned that right because of the long run of results we've put together up notil today." He acknowledged that his penalty miss was a pivotal point in the game. "Of course.

it might have been very different if that had gone in. The keeper took a guess and guessed right, that's just the way it is sometimes." DARLINGTON (4-3-3). P Newell — P Brumwell (sub: S Shaw, 81), A Crosby, 5 Gregan, M Barnard — M Carmichael, O Barnarter, S Gaughan — R Partier, R Blake, A Carss (sub: P Matteon, 88).

BURY (4-4-2): L Bracey — O West, C Lucketti, M Jackson, I Hughes (sub: M Serton, 77) — N Caws (sub: P Stant, BO), G Brabn, L Johnsos, G Pugh — M Carter, O Johnson (sub: R Matthews, 4S)

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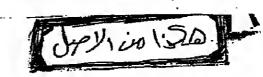


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# Crowds flock to Brands Hatch for the thrills of the British Touring Car championship

# Vew winning formula rejuvenates Williams

BY OLIVER HOLT

THEY do not need to push the advertising too much because the series is doing very nicely on its own, but the organisers of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) could draw on a slogan with shock value if they wanted to. "Garbo Laughs" brought them flocking to see Ninotchka: "Williams Smiles" might add a few thousand to crowds at forthcoming races at forthcoming "tin-top"

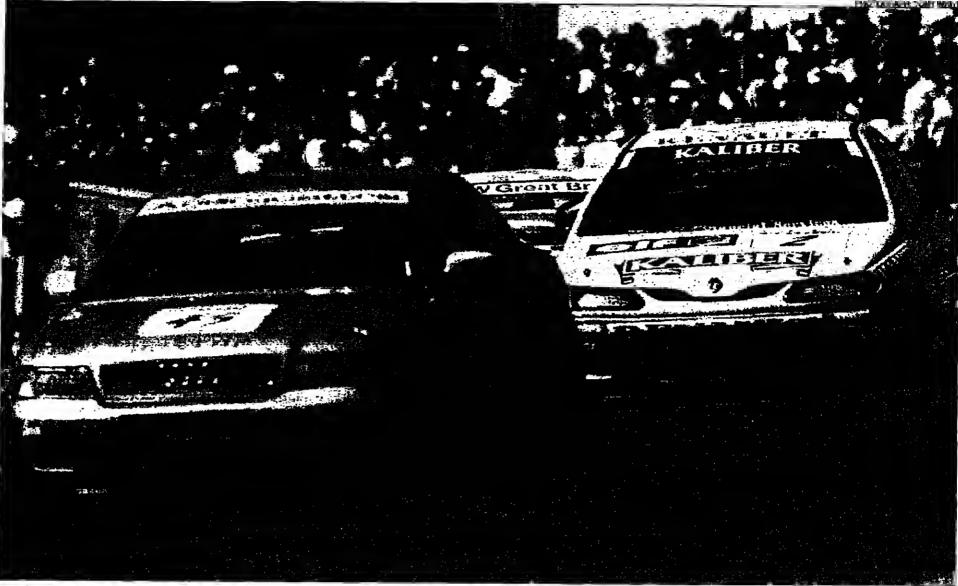
extravaganzas. It is not that Frank Williams, the Williams team owner, is a dour man. Far from it. But whether it be the pressure or shyness in the face of public scrutiny, he chooses not to show his happy face for the cameras at grands prix. When he comes to watch his fledgling touring car team, though, his countenance is altogether

Perhaps it is the racing camaraderie that pervades the meetings, an atmosphere that reminds the sentimental of the way Formula One used to be in the 1960s and 70s, with spectators perched on top of their cars in the sunshine. hooting their horns in appreciation as the first three finishers are driven around the circuit on a truck in celebration after the race. At the post-race press con-

ferences, some of the drivers dragged semi-surreptitiously on cigarettes and Alain Menu, the Williams team's leading driver, cradled his daughter. Chloe, on his lap and joked with his wife and journalists. An estimated 29 per cent of spectators, who paid only £15 to get in, are women and anyone can wander on to the grid before the first race and mingle with the competitors.

There were no closed-circuit cameras at Brands Hatch for rounds three and four of the championship this weekend, either, so Williams and Patrick Head, the team's technical director, took their chances with the rest of the paddock occupants during qualifying on Saturday. They peered as best they could through the wire fence overlooking the Cooper Straight and strained to see the cars curving round Clearways before they headed

Yesterday, when more than 30,000 spectators thronged the circuit. Tom Walkinshaw, the



Menu, in the Renault, is hot on the beels of the Audi driven by Biela but just cannot find a way past the German during an exciting first race at Brands Hatch yesterday

grand prix team, was in the same place, looking more animated than he ever does in São Paulo or Monaco, searching for the Volvos he runs.

Murray Walker, the BBC commentator, was there, too, reminiscing about a motorcycle career that climaxed with a 250cc heat win on the circuit when most of the Tarmac was This is more like Formula One used to be," he said. "People still have fun. They can keep things in proportion a bit more. Perhaps it is because there is not so much money around."

There are other reasons for Williams's smiles as well, though. As his Formula One team goes from strength to

carries all before him, the Williams Renault Dealer Racing team that won the manufacturers' championship for Renault in its debut season last year, looks poised for more honours this year.

In a championship packed with eight leading manufacturers, Renault, who pay Williams an estimated £5 million a year to build and prepare their cars, are just five points behind Audi after the first four rounds: tribute to their consistent engineering excellence. Their leading driver, the talented Swiss, Menu, is in second place in the drivers' standings behind Frank Biela. Audi's German driver.

There are 11 more meetings

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races, each promising healthy crowds. For the first two rounds of the championship at Donington Park on Easter Monday, only Antield and Old Trafford of all the other venues hosting sporting events that day could boast

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tors the BTCC attracted, "f enjoy it immensely," Williams said. "Winning the manufacturers' championship last year was not quite the same thrill as winning the Formula One world championship because the achievement is not the

satisfying. It was the first time we had been in there and we won by the skin of our teeth. The main reason for enter-

ing the team was a desire to build another important bridge with Renault. I enjoy it but I think Patrick really loves it. He is fulfilling himself more and we have people in the Formula One operation, like Adrian Newey [designer], who do not need anybody to hold their hand. The racing is inarguably more competitive than in Formula One and with the involvement of BMW and Volvo, the ante is definitely going up."
Yesterday, Menu started the

first race from pole position, the second from fourth place The first time, he was just 0.6sec behind Biela, the second more than four seconds behind the BMW of the German, Jo Winkelhock. If it was processional with overtaking a rare treat, it was also close and fiercely contested: a train of cars climbing over each other's bumpers, trying to force a

The BTCC is not Formula One. It is not better, not worse, but it is different, a worthy alternative. It is like going to watch Stockport County instead of Manchester United. hearing every shout, identifying with every reverse and triumph, feeling things more personally, more keenly. If it brings a smile to Frank Wil-

make numbers count NO SOONER had Woking clawed their way back from 2-0 down to draw level in the 86th minute at the Shay on Saturday than they were put into place by the public ad-dress announcer, who chose that moment to reveal that

ing 2-0 at Bath City. Stevenage held on for a 2-1 victory, Woking could not scramble a winner and the Vauxhall Conference title race will be as good as over if Stevenage win their match in hand at Kidderminster Harriers tonight and go seven points clear with three match-

es to play. Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, cut a forlorn figure on the touchline as his club's Football League dreams drained away, but John Carroll, in his first match in charge of Halifax, was clearly delighted to scotch criticism of his appointment.

His credentials, after ten years at Runcorn as player then manager, are headed by an intimate knowledge of the Conference, "I know Woking well," he said. "You've got to close them down. They don't like playing under pressure,

they give the ball away."
Woking were, indeed, hustled off their game from the start. However, when Barry Kimber, their physiotherapist. trotted onto the pitch for the fourth time, in the sixteenth minute, passing Simon John-son, who had earned a second yellow card after clattering into Brown, the match should have been theirs for the

Instead, Halifax's ten men immediately took the lead. Annan danced past two defenders on the edge of the penalty area, slid the ball to Homer running in from the right, and Brook sidefooted home Homer's cross.

Halifax again caught Woking on the break in the 66th minute. Homer ran down the right touchline and O'Regan moved the ball on to Brook who drove past Batty. No until the eightieth minute did Woking give Walker the room he relishes and, drifting infield, he smashed a right-foot shot past Woods. A flash of pace by Timothy then earned a corner that he took himself and planted on to the brow of Baroo, who headed the equaliser.

As Woking trooped off de-jectedly, Halifax supporters flocked on, invited to hear O'Regan acclaimed player of the year. They celebrated as if they had won a title. And why not? The council has said they can stay at the Shay, their debt has been cut by £150,000. Things are looking up for the former Football League club. HALIFAX TOWN (4.4-2): A Woods — P Smith, J Brown, P Stoneman, R Annan — N Homer (sub: S Constable, 84mm), J Hendrick, K O'Regan, K Coohrane (sub: E Beddard, 71) — S Johnson, G Brook. Decidant, 71) — Submisson, & Brook.

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Referee: T. Jones.

# to steal onshore advantage

t would be wrong to say that John Merricks and Ian Walker are arrogant, but they certainly lack for nothing when it comes to confidence in their quest for Olympic gold in the 470 class.

They stand out in the British Olympic sailing team for their self-belief, which they combine with an engagingly light-hearted approach. But, while they may appear easygoing in the bar after racing, they are intense on the water.

Not even the weight of expectation in the sailing world that they will win the gold medal in Savannah seems to disconcert them. They thrive on the pressure and yet still manage to enjoy their sailing.

It is a quality they use to try to outwit their opponents, as Walker explained while preparing for the Olympic Classes Regatta at Hyeres in the south of France this week. when they will be racing against many of their medal

"I think it's fair to say we are the most laid-back onshore but probably the most intense on the water. We always play on that," he said. "The Greek" guys, for example, always look so miserable in the boat park and we come in clowning around, throwing water at each other or pretending to be hung-over. I think people see us as people who enjoy our-selves and it annoys them that we do so weil."



with genuine gold claims in Savannah

ing up, the pairing exploded onto the 470 scene in 1994. Both had previously campaigned in the class as helmsmen and, unusually, the match-up of rival skippers went well from the start They began their winning

streak at the Miami Olympic Classes Regatta in 1994 and followed this with wins at Spa and Kiel, a second place in the European championships and victory at the International Yacht Racing Union world championships. Last year they won at Miami again and several other regattas, including the European championships. before securing their Olympic place with seven wins out of nine at the national trials.

Both are in their mid-twenties and products of the Royal Yachting Association youth programme, having started in Mirrors and graduated to 420s. While Merricks is the nominal team leader and helmsman, the load is spread evenly between the two. Merricks, who trained as an electrician and now works for a sailmaking company, is particularly strong steering upwind and, like his partner,

has a thorough knowledge of the technology of the boat. Walker, a former captain of sailing at Cambridge Univer-sity, is a former world champi-



Merricks, left, and Walker have high Olympic hopes

Edward Gorman on an Olympic pairing

class. He is probably the better organiser of the two and generally calls the tactics on upwind legs. He has never seen his role as playing second fiddle to Merricks. To be honest, I don't even see it as crewing," Walker said. "I just do the same thing I've always done, which is try and get the boat round the course as fast

The 470 - the men's doublehanded dinghy in Olympic competition — is a singletrapeze boat which is fast and light. It is easy to sail but difficult to trim to optimum performance. Like all dinghies, a millimetre here or there in alteration of the rig, or tiny changes in rudder, centreboard or sail-setting can make the difference between being on the pace or sailing at

the back of the fleet. Merricks and Walker, in their Mars-sponsored boat, Anthea Goes To Rutland, have built their success on a rig which is faster than everyone else, though the competition have been catching up in recent months.

They have always done well in strong conditions and are working hard to secure a similar level of consistency in the lighter airs that they are likely to encounter at Savannah.

The almost monotonous diet

of success was unexpectedly punctuated in February when,

because of a miscalculation of

their overall position in the

fleet, they lost the world championship at Porto Alegre, in Brazil, by three-quarters of a point, having retired in the last race in the mistaken belief that they could not be beaten. Walker claims this disappointment did not affect him. We knew we could have won it - it's irrelevant really," he said. Merricks was perhaps a little more honest about what must have been an agonising failure but also a timely warning against complacency as they begin the final run in to the Games. "It certainly made me a bit more hungry and

angry," he said.

# Merricks and Walker try | Trout record falls to casual angler

By BRIAN CLARKE

ONE of the most important of all angling records, that for the wild brown trout, has been obliterated by a 25lb 6oz specimen taken from Loch Awe, the water from which the

previous record came. The great fish, which was aged I2, was caught by Andy Finlay, of East Kilbride, on a trolled plug in 12 feet of water. It was witnessed and weighed on scales which have since been checked and found accurate. The fact that it is a purebred ferox - a cannibal brown trout - has already been confirmed. Ratification by the British Rod-Caught Record Fish Committee is a formality. The previous record brown

trout weighed 19lb 10oz and was taken in April 1993. The margin of almost 6lb is remarkable, for all the great size it is believed these fish can reach. Indeed, the 19-pounder beat the previous record by a single ounce.

It is one of the ironies of the capture that the 25-pounder was caught by a man who has never landed a significant trout before. Finlay is a casual angler who was simply fishing for anything that came along. Most ferox are captured by people who are obsessed with them. The best-known specialist group, Ferox 85, devotes many thousands of hours a year, using echo-sounders and all else, to help its members

find the kinds of places the

One grand prix car.

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near Cranleigh to the Tarmac

track at Blackbushe Airport,

near Camberley, one week-

end eight or so years ago, and sitting in the back of the van

was a brand oew kart, courte-

sy of Dad. It was on that day that the younger Gumbley

became a racing driver and

then, they catch only a dozen fish a year. It was a Ferox 85 member, Alistair Thorn, who took the last record. The biggest brown trout previoustaken by Finlay weighed just 14lb. For all the leap forward in

great browns favour. Even

the record, everyone believes bigger fish are still out there. Several lochs — notably Awe, Ness, Arkaig, Rannoch, Assynt and Quoich — have the potential to produce massive trout. These lochs are full of the small char, trout and perch on which ferox feed.

They also have the track record. Quoich has produced a previous record. Ferox to 171b have been taken from Arkaig. Awe is believed to

23-pounder was caught there in a trap. Biologists say these waters have the potential to produce fish of 35lb and more. The problem has always been finding them. Awe is 25 miles long. Ness holds as much water as all the freshwater lakes in England and Wales combined. A single bay oo any one of these is likely to be so large and deep that it could be trolled hundreds of times without a record fish seeing the lure, even if present.

have produced an 18lb fish earlier this year and, in 1992, a

It all shows how massive the odds are against a casual angler picking up a monster. Finlay simply struck lucky. But, in doing so, he has raised everyone's sights.

# Gumbley's driving ambition catches the eye

BY MELWESS

IF THERE is one physical attribute that defines all truly gifted sports people, it is the eyes. Whatever their colour, they have a tendency to be flinty clear and focused unwaveringly at some point in the middle distance. In the death-defying sport

of motor racing, Schumacher and Hill are prime examples, but that is no more than might be expected. When the gaze is being levelled by a 17-year-old racing driver, the sensation is, in a way, even more chilling. Jeremy Gumbley is a pupil of Cranleigh School, Surrey. Distinguished seat of learning that it is, and supportive of all its pupils' endeavours, it is fair to speculate that oever before has the school had to

deal with the ambitions of an apprentice racing driver. Gumbley is a day pupil at Cranleigh, which he leaves this year after taking his A levels, but he has oo immediate intention of taking himself off to university. There are other battles to be fought, other targets to be hit, and all of them involve driving motor vehicles very quickly around racetracks. Not on the road,

driving test yet, Gumbley was only eight when the bug bit, and such has been his progress that, if all goes well with him this year, 1997 will see him take another step towards his nir-

mind — he has not taken his

He started in an off-road kart in which he used to bump his way round the fields of the farm where he and his parents lived. It was fun, but before long the green acres were insufficient to satisfy his Imagine his surprise, then, then he and Adrian, his father, drove from their home

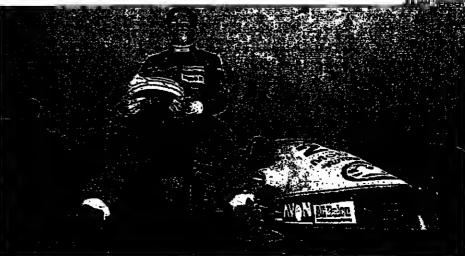
> the day, too, that his father accepted the fact that he would be paying out large amounts of cash for the

The high point of his driving career thus far did not



pretty competitively, but this was something completely different."

after leaving Cranleigh before the outer limits of his driving ability, hopefully in the oext



Gumbley is committed to the pursuit of glory on the world motor racing circuit

come until just over a year ago, when he won a scholar-ship to drive a single-seater stage up the ladder, Formula Three. First, though, he has to impress in his second year with the CP Racing team. The racing car in the Formula Vauxhall junior class. scholarship now over, it will cost his parents almost £60,000 to give their son his

He had some success in that first, learning season, and even now he still cannot prevent schoolboy enthusiasm from creeping into his voice when he tells of his experiences in 1995. "It was absolutely fantastic," he said. "I had been driving karts

He intends to take a year off

already people in higher eche-lons of the sport have become aware of this small, slimlybuilt young man from Surrey. It is when talking about what awaits round the next bend in his career that the inner steel and raw ambition come to the fore. "I want to get to the very top in Formula One, and I am prepared to do almost anything to achieve it," he said. "I know what's involved, and I know what I have to do." The gaze becomes just a little barder. "Sure, I want to be friends

Sponsorship is tough to get

Adrian Gumbley is constantly trying, so far with little

success. However, the future

is bright for his son, of that

there is little doubt, and

second season.

with the other drivers, but you have to remember that, no matter how friendly you are with the others, when you get on the track they're your enemies.

"The school has been great to me since I went into this. There is no way I could ever repay them for their help, but I intend to make everybody at the school proud of me." If hard work and determination bring their reward, they will

#### Bosra Sham hardens to 9-4 on as main rival defects

# Blue Duster to miss Guineas

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

BLUE DUSTER looks certain to miss the Pertemps 1.000 Guineas after failing to please her trainer, David Loder, in the run-up to the fillies' classic in 13 days' time.

After a day of intense speculation about the well-being of last season's top-rated juvenile filly, Sheikh Mohammed was due late last riight to talk to his racing manager, Anthony Stroud, and Loder before

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: COOL WEATHER (3.20 Hexham) Next best: Soorce Of Light (3.40 Nottingham)

agreeing that the unbeaten winner of the Cheveley Park Stakes should be withdrawn. Loder's string has not been firing of late and he has been fighting a losing battle with Blue Duster, whose preparation has gone far from smoothly. Apart from the bitterly cold spring, which has interrupted planned workouts on the Newmarket gallops, some of his horses have been coughing

until recently.
Stroud said the Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot were the likely targets for Blue Duster if she misses the Guineas,

The expected withdrawal of the Guineas second favourite prompted a hasty shake-up in



as Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes is concerned the outcome is a foregone conclusion. "It's a penalty kick for Bosra Sham now," he said after cutting the Henry Cecil-trained favourite

Michael Kinane, who would have ridden Blue Duster, received some consolation yesterday when he was booked by Neville Callaghan to ride Danehill Dancer, winner of the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, in the 2,000 Guineas.

Pat Eddery has been Danehill Dancer's regular partner but Callaghan moved

services of Kinane after it became clear that Eddery will be required to ride Storm Trooper, the impressive win-ner of the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket last week, for owner Fahd Salman and Hen-

Callaghan said: "I hoped we

# Cecil caught in spotlight as power game unfolds

because Pat has ridden him not just in every race but in semble a pocketful of virtually all his work last year loose change, is intertwined with power and a desperate desire to conquer. Add to that a sensational cast - ranging Dancer but Pat has a lot of from princes and potentates to an English training genius

While the Greenham completed the official trials, Mark and his wife. -Johnston took Bijou D'Inde to Thirsk yesterday for a race-course gallop. The winner of the Futurity Stakes at the real-life drama of rare pas-Curragh last year is undergosion is being played out ing the same preparation to before our eyes, with so that which saw Johnston win much at stake: ambition and the 2,000 Guineas two years dreams, honour and reputago with Mister Baileys. The ation, and old scores to settle. Middleham trainer was more Some even talk of revenge in than satisfied with the work. this most tantalising of Turf

Bijou D'Inde pulled well clear of two galloping companions over a mile and will visit Ripon next weekend for his final trial. "He's just about spot 00 and he worked far better than Mister Baileys worked at Thirsk, but he still has more to prove than that

and this. There is nothing

difficult about riding Danehill

confidence in him."

Several Derby hopefuls will be on show in the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown on Saturday, but a marker was set for the Epsom race by Nash House, when he won in striking fashion at Newbury. He is now 10-1 for the classic. The Lord Weinstock-owned half-brother to Spectrum, last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes winner, delighted Peter Chapple-Hyam. "Hopefully, he might be as good as his brother," the trainer said.

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ufficient wealth to after winner at Newmarket tends to regard Dubai in the make the Lottery re- and Newbury last week. The Sherkh Mohammed 0.

However, this is no television soap opera or Hollywood film script. Instead, a

But this drama, colourful wars which is set to domirunne the outcome of the nate the Flat season.

. The two main characters are well known. To his numerous acolytes, he is known simply as "the Boss". To the outside world, he is His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, Minister of Defence and Crown Prince of Dubai. Sheikh Mohammed, for short, is the world's biggest racehorse

Then there is Henry Richard Amherst Cecil, ten times champion trainer and probably one of the most gifted adlers of thoroughbreds in British racing history.

However, no amount of classic success could prevent the indignity suffered last summer as Sbeikh Mohammed announced in public he was removing his horses from Cecil's Warren Place yard - partly because of the alleged involvement of Natalie. Cecil's young wife, in their training regime.

Having received the big-gest jolt of his career, Cecil has a point to prove, But not family. even he could have dreamt of the explosive start to the new seasoo as he sent out winner

scoreline after those two key meetings read: Cecil 5

Apart from Bosra Sham enhancing her outstanding chance of winning the 1,000 Guineas and Storm Trooper emerging- as - a live 2,000 Guineas hope, Cecil also saddled Dovaly to beat the Sheikh Mohammed-owned Sacho, John Gosden's supposed Derby horse.

even by Turf standards, is not just about Cecil v Sheikh Mohammed. The subtle subplots add to the intrigue, the gossip and, ultimately, could



Racing commentary

unofficial battle between the two protagonists.

glance at the list of Cecil's main owners, after the exit of the Dubai sheikh. shows Warren Place could be mistaken for an outpost of Saudi Arabia. Khaled Abdulla, Prince Faisal, Prince Fahd Salman, Prince Khalid al-Saud and Wafic Said. born in Syria but bestowed with Saudi citizenship, own more than a third of the horses stabled in the yard, which overlooks a huge pal-ace built for the Maktoum

Without wishing to cause diplomatic ructions, it is fair to suggest that Saudi Arabia same way residents of Morningside view the other inhabitants of Edinburgh, or Frinton looks upon Clacton. If you prefer, it is Middle Eastern old money versus new money. If Cecil has cause to fly the family standard, as he does after every group one success, satisfaction will be felt beyond the confines of the trainer's

drawing room. But that is nothing compared to the shifts in power which thread their way through Sheikh Mohammed's diverse racing kingdom. Godolphin, the jewel in his racing crown, arrives in force next week from Dubai. complete with Mark Of Esteem, the former Ceciltrained third favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, but without the man held responsible by many for last season's amazing run of success. Jeremy Noseda has been banished to California after being less than diplomatic about Saced hin Suroor, the official trainer of the Godol-

phin operation.

Meanwhile, many of the best horses carrying the ma-roon and white silks of the sheikh's Darley Stud operation are trained by Gosden. But he is still without a classic success and has won only two group one races in Britain since returning from California eight years ago. This intelligent man has as much incentive as his employer to succeed like never

Can he do it, or will it be down to the enigmatic André Fabre once again to provide the group one gloss?

The scene is set; the interoational players are in place. If any television mogul or film director with spare cash has the sense, he will make

#### NOTTINGHAM

2.10 Born A Lady 2.40 Almasi 3.10 Super Rocky 3.40 Source Of Light

4.10 Gold Blade 4.40 Cuango 5,10 Classic Ballet

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103	(193		BORN A LADY 13 (B.S) (Mrs P Barrary & Bowring 8-11 C Teague (5)	8
104			LONGHILL, BOY 20 (Vintage Services) B Meetian 8-11 M Tebbutt	7
105	(9)	0006-26	MELS BABY 7 (J Robosts) J Eyre 8-11 D Wright (3)	8
106	Œi.	63EDOG	MEMBERS WELCOME 188 (Avon & West Racmot J Bradley 8-11 S Drowne (3)	8
197	ñ		MOBILE KING 240 (Town and Country Tyres) K Banks 8-11 Tives	
108			MY KIND 177 (D.C) (Elde Racing Club) N Tolder 8-11 Kim Tolder	
109			PATHAZE 221 (F) (H Warmer) N Bycruft 8-11 . L Charnock	
110	135		THE WAD 51 (W Kelly) O Nicholis 8-11	
111	(5)	4-00000	WANGMUT 72 (G) JE Cloeson M Haynes 8-11	
177	(211	P\$00-	CANDY 6 DELIGHT 181   J Slaney) Mrs 5 Smith 8-6 N Varley (3)	
113	181	00-53	DAZZUNG STAR 10 (BF)   Davis R Hamon 8-6 J Beld	9
114	Œ	9	DISPOL DUCHESS 10 (W kineson) & Oldroyd B-6 K Fallon	
115	(41	00-0	INCA BIRD 13 (A & M Lowe) B McMahon 8-6. Grafter	8
116	111		OUR WORLEY 350 (J Ropers) A Jarvis 8-6 J Tate	8
117	(12)		PRICE OF WHALLEY 329   Swart At Whatley Racing) R Fahey 8-6 . A Cultivane	9
118	110)	00	RAGTIME COWGIRL 13 1G Reed) C Thomas 8-6 D McKeawa	-
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201	13)	6058-25	BOLLIN HARRY 14 (D.G) (N Westbrook) 1 Easterby 4-10-0 M Birch	91
20.	(9)	0134-00	SQUIRE CORRIE 86 (6) (6 Harwood) G Harwood 4-9-13 Gaye Harwood (7)	90
203	(16)	033040	LEIGH CROFTER 28 (8,0,F,G,S) (P Dimmodal P Cundell 7-9-11 Tives	94
204	(6)	3000-30	BARATO 14 (D,BF.F.G) (D Young) Mrs. J Ramades 5-9-11 K Fation	93
205	1731	000051	LITTLE IBNR 9 (C.D.F.G) (Sminnerium Transport) P Evans 5-9-9 A Clark	Œ
206	1211	00500-0	WARDARA 28 (V.D.G.S) (Binding Malters) C. Dwyer 4-9-9 M Witcham	9
207	(20)	043461-	SIZZLING 182 (D.F) (Mr. P. Jubert) R Harmon 4-9-8 Dane O'Hell (5)	85
208	(19)	0/35415-	WINTER SCOUT 223 (D.F.G) (Mrs S Russell) C Brooks 0-9-8 S Copp (7)	BE
309	112)	560-224	MUSTIN'T GRUMBLE 14 (D.F.G) (J Pomion) Miss: S Wilton 6-9-6 W Ryan	89
210		000-520	SOUND THE TRUMPET 13 (6) (R Spicer) R Spicer 4-9-6 D McKegwn	85
211	1181	302502-	DASHING DANCER 182 IP Roberts) R Aletury 5-9-5 S Sanders	91
21.2	(23)	22000-0	NATURAL KEY 11 (D.F) (H O'Donnett) D Haydin Jones 3-9-3 . J Fortune	89
213		30000-3	FACE THE FUTURE 14 (D.S) (Future Prospectors) 5 Dow 7-9 2 . D Harrison	95
214	(11	D10600	BLOW DRY 175 (D.F.S) (G Moran) M Wane 6-9-2 A Markey	92
215		00160-	AMNESTY BAY 156 (G) 1G Summers M Usher 4-9-2 N Adams	
216	(41	32023-0	SING WITH THE BAND 14 (6) (D Allen) B McMahon 5-9-2	88
217	(8)	00000-0	ROCKY WATERS 14 (U.F.G) IP Chomiaty P Burgoyne 7-9-2 D R McCabe (3)	
218	1141	446,000	MONTAGUE DAYYSON 87 (D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-0 C Teague (5)	81
219	(24)	50000	All MACL 20 (I) Ch (Consent Debug) C (U.S. 4.0.0	86
220		120016	ALMASI 26 (D.G) (Equerna Pariners) C Walt 4-9-0 W Lord DAAWE 35 (V.D.G.SI (Mrs & Malimson) Mrs V Aconiev 5-6-13 M Deering	91
221	(5)	AMERICA		
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	(15)	02000-0	ASTERIX 19 (V.D.F.G) IC Hunti J Bradley 8-8-8 S Drowne (3)	80

BETTING: 7-1 Dashing Dancer 8-1 Sezzing, 10-1 Face The Future, Baraso 12-1 Little Box, 16-1 Mustri'l Grumble, Sing With The Band 20-1 others. 1995. MEDIA EXPRESS 3-8-13 J Reid (11-2) T Mills 16 ran

FORM FOCUS LITTLE IBNR beat Lady Sherid 1/AI in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW 60) SIZZING beat DASHING DANCER (2D better off) head in handicap at Lettered (61, ftm) WINTER SCOUT beat Non Dimentican Me neck in claims at Newtastle (61, good) ABUSTN'T GRAMBLE 71 4th to Double Selection: DASHING DANCER

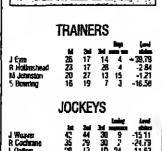
3.10 LORDS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,738: 5f 13yd) (13 runners) SETTING: 5-2 Super Rocky, 4-1 Balley: Sunset, 5-1 Ser Tesker, 8-1 Harry's Coming, 10-1 Analisan, 12-1 Second Whatley, 14-1 others.

1995: HARRY'S COMING 11-8-5 S Drowne 16-1] R Hodges 9 ian FORM FOCUS

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course and distance woner. RF --- beaten coess and oxsance winner. St — beats Lawartie in latest racel, Golog on which horse has won (f — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — suff, good to soll, heavy). Owner in brackets, Laware. Age and weight, Bloor plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 MICHELOZZO CONDITIONS STAKES

BETTINGS: 5-4 Assessor, 6-4 Futilier Flight, 4-1 Source Of Light, 6-1 Limpac West, 20-1 Charles 1995, KHAMASEEN 4-8-11 I, Delton (11-8 kw) J Dunlop 6 pm

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4.10 NOTTINGHAM HANDICAP (Woman amateurs: £2,381: 1m 11 213yd) (23 runners) 501 (22) 5000-30 FLAG FEN 10 (D.G.S) (Ladyswood Recing) M Meade 5-11-7 . E Folkes (7) 86

502	(7)	2-05513	MANFUL 19 (B,D,BF,F,G) IC Barbar-Lamax) W Essey 4-11-5 A Elsey	88					
503	E)	23150-3	POLLY PECULIAR 18 (D.G.S.) (Miss V Marshall) 8 Smart 5-11-2 V Marshall (4)	96					
564	(4)		MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 11 (D.F.G.S) M Haromond 10-11-2 M. Carson [4]	88					
505	(161		KAMA SIMBA 146J (C.F.) (Town And Country Tyres) J White 4-11 1 S Brown (7)	83					
506	1121		TRECALL 48J (B Brown) P Hayward 5-10-13	-					
507	(8)	411000	CLAQUE 23 (B,G) (M Hill) 0 Oraponan 4-10-12 R Clauk	90					
508	(5)	123/40/	OUTCK SILVER BOY 38J (F.G) (P Riddick) D Burchell 6-10-9 E.J. Jones (4)	_					
509	1139	500/00/	DODGY DANCER 142.J (C,O,F) (Halewood Mt) M Usher 6-10-9 A Usher (4)						
510	(14)		TONY'S MEST 7J (C.Q.S) (F Hayward) J Bradley 6-18-6 D Michael (4)	86					
511	'nή		SECRETARY OF STATE 14 (D.F.S) D Arbustmot 10-10-7 D Arbustmot	94					
512	(3)		SILVER SAMURAI 32 (CD.F.G.S) Mr. V Aconley 7-10-5 C Williams (7)	-					
513	'nί		BROWN EYED GIRL 14 (Mass L Regist & Mechan 4-10-3 J Allison	90					
514	119)	230-216	GOLD BLADE 67 (D.RF.F.6) LI Pearce J Pearce 7-10-1 . L Pearce						
515	(11)	20410/0	CARLTON EXPRESS 23 (6) (A Sketton) J Eyre 6-9-13 Diena Jones	Ξ					
516	(9)	504006	ARECIBO 13 (W Sellers) J Parlets 4-9-11 D Ketdewell	-					
517	(6)		NORTHERN MOTTO 14 (Mrs A Nes) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-10 . E Ramsden (4)	88					
518	(23)	606136-	STUDIO THERTY 132 (D.G) (D Holder) D Monta 4-9-9 J Feliden	98					
519	(20)	D-50	HEVER GOLF DIAMOND 87 (7 Naughton) T Naughton 3-9-7 J Naughton (4)	86					
520	(18)	000-005	ROYAL ACCLAIM 51 (V.F.G.S) (J. Bradley) J Bradley 11-9-5 L Kert (7)	87					
521	(15)	40000-D	CHEVELEY DANCER 16J (G Jackman) 1 Naughton 8-9-4 P Robson	87					
522	(19)		TM A NUT MAN 12 (J Graves) C Smith 5-9-4 D Smith (4)	-					
573	(21)	0006-00	BREEZED WELL 56 (F.G) (Mrs H Noonan) 8 Cambridge 10-9-1. H Noonan (4)	92					
BETTING: 7-1 Master Othe House, 8-1 Mardut, 10-1 Northern Motto, 12-1 Polly Peculiar, Tony's Mist, Brown									
Eyed Girl, 14-1 others									
TORE PARTIAL MARRIAGE ARE R. R. S. Sansa Janes et J. G. Thorn 22 mg									

1995: CAPTAIN MARMALADE 8-9-1 9rang Jones (4-1) D Thorn 23 ran FORM FOCUS

MANFILL beat Hazard A Guess 31/H or 27-romer anatoms bendeap at Doncaster 11m 2/ 60/d. good on penultimate start. POLLY PECULIAR 2/d) 3rd to Thornwashia on handicap at Lingüétic (AW, 1m 2), MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 2/4/3 and of 12 to Rampo Waltzer in apprentices handicap at Selection: MASTER OFTHE HOUSE Selection: MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 1/ 1/2 to Rampo Waltzer in apprentices handicap at Selection: MASTER OFTHE HOUSE

4.40 TRENT BRIDGE HANOICAP (£4,305: 1m 6f 15yd) (20 runners) BETTING, 5-1 Hilliam, 6-1 Alaraby, 7-1 Bowciffe Coun, 6-1 Marazz, 10-1 Bella Socona, lota, 12-1 other 1995; NEW WR 4-8-3 K Darley (14-1) E Weymes 12 ran FORM FOCUS

HILIZAH 441 2nd of 13 to Cross 1aB in handicap at Catterick (1m 61, good to soft), ALARASY 149 2nd of 7 to Our Kris vi handicap at Newmarket (1m 61, good to som), MUTAZZ 254 2nd of 8 to Rocky Forum in handicap at Haydock (1m 61, good to soft) Selection: BELLA SEDONA

5.10 HEADINGLEY LIMITED STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,207: 1m 1f 213yd) (11 runners)

1 | |4| 5-14 DOCKLANDS LIMO 32 (6) (Mrs. L. Giley) & McAllath. 8-13 ... K. Darley 91

2 (9) 230126 YEOMAN OLIVER 14 (6) (Af Stokes) & McAllath. 8-13 ... G. Carter. 93

3 (10) 420 MANAE OF OUR FATHER 182 (C. Pagman) M. Fedroston-Bodley 8-11. C. Rutter. 98

4 (3) 425 MOT GLISTE GREY 172 (D. Darwes) K. Lischaldt. 6-17 ... S. Sanders. 98

5 (8) 02005-5 URGENT SWIFT 16 (D. Fest) A. Janve. 8-11 ... J. Talle. 91

6 (5) 602-126 DISTINCT BEAUTY 83 (D.(4) (H. Yong) W. D'Sommon 8-10 ... T. Ives. 98

7 (6) 602-126 DISTINCT BEAUTY 83 (D.(4) (H. Yong) W. D'Sommon 8-10 ... T. Ives. 98

8 (11) 402-4 C. LASSIC BALLET 16 (Classes Biochards) S. Williams. 8-8 ... M. Mackey. 94

9 (7) D404-06 EVACTIV 32 (F. Thomton) J. Fyee 8-8 ... T. Williams. 97

10 (1) 53426- SALTY GRIL. 189 (J. Branney B. Hvits. 3-6 ... M. Garson 97

11 (2) 461- SG FOR GOLD 188 (S) (Waddener) J. Dockson 8-6 ... W. Carson 98

BETTING: 3-1 Son For Gold, 7-2 Classoc Ballet. 6-7 Name 01 Our Father, 7-1 Dockson's Lino, 8-1 Yeoman Climer, 10-1 Salty 64, 12-1 others

1995: NGGEL'S LAD 8-79 J Stad (9-2) P Hastern 7 ran FORM FOCUS

BULLPEN BELLE 2%1 2nd to Dance Star in 11rumer mader on this course (fm. good to firm) on
genultimate start. CLASSIC BALLET 81 4th of 15 to
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firm) SALTY GIFL 1¼1 2nd of 7 to Classic Re-

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS 9 353 W Carsen
31 25 B A Wheten
97 18.6 D Hamson
35 18.2 Paul Eddery
44 15.9 J Red .135 17 62 86 74

#### **Confused** start at the Bedale

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

THE ongoing problems concerning starts surfaced again on Saturday at the Bedale & West of Yore meeting at Hornby Castle in Yorkshire.

Nine horses lined up for the ladies' open race but when the starter. Peter Guthrie, dropped his flag one rider called out "no sir. no sir" and her colleagues paused.

Tessa Gray, riding Hellcatmudwrestler, set off but the others waited in vain for a false start announcement. "I jumped the first but

wasn't sure whether to carry on or not." Gray said. "Then I heard the commentator say 'I think Tessa Gray's doing the right thing', so I carried on." Three other riders later joined in, but Hellcatmudwrestler, who was allowed to keep the race, was unsaddled by the time they had finished.

RESULTS

AXE VALE HARRIERS (Statlord Cross)
Hunt 1, Tasmin Tyrant (L. Jefford, 2-9 Jav),
Confined 1, Strong Breeze (Mrs R Pocock,
9-2) Opon 1, Cualitar Memory (J Ticzard,
5-2) Ladies 1, Butter John (Miss J
Cumngs, 8-11 Intermediate 1, Green Hill
(Mrss I Blackford, 6-1) Rest 1, Bengers
Moor (Miss P Curing, 6-4 Jav), Open Mohr:
1, Gipl Beach (Miss P Curing, 3-1) 1, Gay Beach (Mas P Curing, 3-1)
AEDALE & WEST OF YORE (Hornby
Caste), Confined 1, Grey Realm (5 Swers,
10-1) Rest: 1, Another Hoolgan (Mrs F
Needham 2-1 (Flav) Ladies 1,
Helicatmudwrester (Miss T Gray, 3-1)
Land Rover Open: 1, Pearuus Pet (R
Walmsley, 8-1) Hunt 1, Glenbricken (R
Barker, 2-1) Malden Dhr (Prij): 1, Nedadar
(5 Cendron, 3-1) (Pt. 1) 1, Mount Faber (M
Sowersty, 3-1): Div N 1, Political Field (M
Sowersty, 3-1)

Soverstr., 4-1)

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The Cross (Mrs M Hand, 7-4) Rest 1, Ive
Calcot Time IT Greed, 2-1 lav) Open 1.
The General's Durm (K Heard, 4-7 lav)
Ladlees 1, Phar Too Touchy (Miss R
Francis, 1-2 lav) Confined 1, Senegalas
(M Venner, 14-11 Midn 1, Missual Agreement (R Darke, 3-1 co-tay).

ment (H Darke, 3-1 co-tay).

ESSEX & SUFFOLK Higham) Hunt. 1.
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Candle Glow (S Morns, 25-11, Open 1.
Lantern Pike (A Michael, 2-1 pl-lay) Ladies
1. Dromen Leader (Miss G Chown, 2-1)
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Girnan, 3-11
HOLCOMBE HARRIERS (Whrongton)
Hunt 1, Notbuljusi (J. Barlow, Evensi
Intermediater 1, Jr-Kay IN Bannaster, 7-2)
Confined: 1, Real Clors (J. Evans, 5-2)
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Robson, 7-2) Land Rover O'Deer, 1, Mr
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Lloyd's delight fails to mask divide in English cricket as Botham 'sideshow' continues

# Chapple acquits himself well in England trial

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): The Rest, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 66 runs behind

"SPRING is here; why doesn't my heart go dancing?" The flowers are out, the nights have expanded to accommodate summer pursuits, and in the parks of London yesterday all thoughts turned towards football; even - would you believe in? - the abominable American version. Budding cricketers were rarer than

It is hard being a profession-al cricketer in the first month of the season. Few people pay a blind bit of notice to what you get up to, and the fixture list is designed to befuddle those who do. Yet these are important days for the players, as they try to find form and rhythm, to keep their names before the people who matter. The India touring team arrives next week, and there are still some England Test places to settle.

It is even harder when there is so much doubt and division within the game. Raymond Illingworth released his pentup anger on Saturday with a few well-chosen words aimed at M. J. K. Smith, who, he feels, has conducted an underhand campaign against his office. Illingworth, the chairman of England's selectors, also disallowed lan Botham's hopes of being involved with the Test team after digesting his widely and Irequently aired comments, most recently last Friday after he failed to become a Test selector.

England A are playing The Rest in what amounts to a Test trial, and the only cricketer who is making back-page news is a man who retired three years ago. Not content with turning himself into Billy with turning himself into Billy Dainty to pass the winter nights, Botham clearly imagines he is now a lower-class Jay Gatsby: "You can't recreate the past? Of course you can!"

Botham, Illingworth had spelled out in a way that brooked little argument, will not be assisting the England team this summer, or "working with", "helping out" or interfering in any way. Illingworth has insisted that David Lloyd coaches the players without any unnecessary distractions and nobody can quibble with that. The Botham

By Michael Henderson

bowler who swings the ball at

a pace above medium, has enjoyed this match as much as

anybody. He has some ground

to make up, after a frustrating

time last season, but he is only 22 and there is talent there for

Lloyd and Peter Lever, the

England bowling coach, to

"He had a demanding A tour to India two winters ago."

Lloyd said, "and suffered from

a few niggles last year when he began to lose his action a

little bit. But he has done some

weight work this winter and he is now back on course." After taking five good wickets

here there is already a red star

immediate prospects no harm,

cither. He took four wickets on

Saturday as England A dis-

missed The Rest for 123, and added a fifth yesterday when he beat Crawley's defence. In between he made his maiden

half-century in any form of cricket to extend his team's lead on first innings to 194.

Nasser Hussain, Jason

Pooley, Ronnie Irani, Robert

Rollins and fan Salisbury all

went past 30 for England A as

the pitch eased, and they may

not even have to bat again

today to win, so poorly have

The Rest played. Thorpe's

batting last night served as a

commentary on their moder-

Moxon, who turns 36 next

principle. Next year, if Illingworth is still chairman,

Cyril Washbrook might get an

It has not been a good

weekend for the batsmen and

one fears for Ramprakash.

who laboured through 25

overs yesterday for 17 scratchy runs before Salisbury had him

Of course, everybody wants

him to come through, but with

each game at representative

level he retreats further and

further from his goal. As

Thorpe found the boundary at

will with strokes of class,

Ramprakash became ever

more reclusive. This match

may not reveal who will play

for England this season, but it

may help to determine those

behind pushing

ate efforts.

invitation.

forward.

Tim Munton has done his

against his name.

mould.

tacky carousel, however honest his intentions. Lloyd, casting an early eye over some of the country's best young players, is full of the joys of spring. The new selection panel convened over the weekend (all except Michael

sideshow would have become



Salisbury: useful runs

confirmed as captain) and everybody is smiling. "The liant," the new coach said,

lation and I'm keen for them to be very clear that we are all right.
From what I've heard and

week, was a most peculiar last two days have been brilchoice for this match and he hardly justified it, poor chap, Even if they have not, he must by making a pair. Last year, present a united front to the Alan Wells was selected for world. "The clear message we this fixture as a possible have got to get across to the alternative to Atherton. players is that we know where Moxon, who has always been we are going. a degree short of Test class. There's been a lot of specuhas been promoted this spring on the same "look behind you"

read, Illy has said lan's time will come. I'm happy with the Of all the triallists, Glen

Chapple, the Lancashire

Gallian ducks under a short ball from Giddins, who later dismissed him leg-before, at Chelmsford yesterday

### House masters Derbyshire attack

BY JACK BAILEY

FENNER'S (second day of three): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, lead Cambridge University by 207 runs

IT MAY be early days to advise everyone with the slightest interest in the University match, which starts at Lord's on July 2, to book their seats now to avoid disappoint-ment. But, judging from the way things are shaping up. both here and in The Parks, there is a good match in prospect and high scoring is on the cards.

Yesterday, Cork and Rollins, of Derbyshire, scored centuries, but, after the impact already made against Gla-morgan by Ed Smith, from Toribridge School, it was the turn of another freshman from Kent to take the honours as Cambridge made their way to an unlikely first-innings lead by mid-afternoon. Will House, 19, a product of Sevennaks School and a left-

handed strokeplayer of rare maturity, scored 136 of their 324 for seven. He made 117 of them before lunch, treating, among others. Devon Malcolm and Dominic Cork with scant respect, hitting in all 20 fours and two sixes.

With Russell Cake, the Cambridge captain. House added 193 for the sixth wicket from 39 overs on a glorious sunlit day. It was a joy even for an Oxford man to watch. Cake's essential soundness was again in evidence. Cambridge had been in trouble

Total (I. Wid) 249
FALL OF WICKET 1-55
BOWLING: Moffal 13-1-65-0; Jenisch 12-1-54-0; Jenosch 14-2-43-0; House 6-0-36-0; Deekn 1-0-2-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Immigs RT Ragnauth c Jones b Malcolm . . . . 7

when Cake came in on Saturday evening. When he de-clared. Cambridge were 42 runs ahead and Cake, a century against his name, had steered their innings for nearly 35 hours.

If all this reminded old stagers of the halcyon days of Doggart, Dewes, May, Dexter. Majid and Brearley, to

name but a few, it was in large measure due to the excellent batting surface provided by the relaid Fenner's pitch, for which John Moden, the head groundsman, deserves much SCOREBOARD FROM FENNER'S

PERBYSHERE: First Immigs 287 for 4 dec 7 A Tweats 89 not out, O M Jones 71, C J Idams 54) E T Smith low to Barneti
A Sanch e Burneti b Warner
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ID R H Charlon law b Vandrau
G R Moffat low b Barneti...
W J House b Vandrau
P J Deakin not out...
Extras (to 6, nb 4)

Total (7 wkts deci ... A R Whitall and A N Janisch did not bat FALL OF WICKETS, 1-10, 2-38, 3-105, 4-105, 5-115, 8-308, 7-324, BOWLING Malcolm 16-1-80-1; Cork. 74-2-49-0; Warner 8-0-41-1; Vandrau 24-3-90-3; Barnett 13-4-49-2; Twoats 3-0-14-0

credit. As Cork and Rollins stroked the ball around and Derbyshire moved into the lead, it was plain that a hard season lies ahead for the

Cambridge bowlers. Cork bowled tidily, with no sign of injury. Malcolm, below full pace, was less certain of length and direction. Cake, on 58, was missed at backward short leg from a desperately difficult chance off Cork bowling; Malcolm missed House from an easier chance at point when the freshman had made 56.

Vandrau was the unlucky

bowler. He it was who bore

the brunt of House's on-

slaught, throughout 24 overs of respectable off spin. But House, who, like Smith, is under summer contract to Kent, simply could not be contained. His fifty came from 53 balls, his century from 96. A tour de force it was, so far matched by nobody, certainly not by Cork, who strode off athlerically, "retired hurn", immediately after he reached his hundred.

#### Campbell continues to pile on agony for N Zealand

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHERWIN CAMPBELL, the opening batsman, was close to converting his maiden Test century into a double as the West Indies tightened their grip on New Zealand before lunch yesterday, the third day of the first Test match in

Bridgetown, Barbados. Campbell, a model of con-centration, stretched his overnight 148 to 189 by the interval. Only three West indians have scored higher innings in a Test match against New Zealand — Seymour Nurse's 258 in the last of his 29 Test appearances at Christchurch in 1969, Lawrence Rowe's 214 in lus first Test innings at Kingston in 1972 and Gordon Greenidge's 213 at Auckland in 1987.

The West Indians, resuming at 334 for four, progressed to 406 for six, already a formidable first-innings lead of 211. Campbell, 25, who will be the Durham overseas player this season, came to the wicket on Friday, the first afternoon, had and proceeded to stay at the crease for ten hours and four minutes, facing 440 balls and hitting 28 fours.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Campbell's overnight partner. added just one run yesterday morning before he was dismissed for 82. The 21-year-old sliced his drive straight to Chris Harris at gully to give Danny Morrison, the fast bowler, his first wicket.

Campbell and Chanderpaul came together midway through the second day and added 155 runs for the fifth wicket in just under 312 hours. The stand was a record partership for the West Indies against New Zealand in the Carribean. Chanderpaul's best-ever Test score, in his tenth Test, lasted 146 balls and included 11 boundaries.

In his first Test in his home island, Courtney Browne, the wicketkeeper, added a further 49 with Campbell before his shaky innings of 20 was ended by a slip catch by Nathan Astle off Robert Kennedy. Browne was let off when nine by the same fielder, in the same position, off Morrison. lan Bishop was seven not out

at the break. Andrew Flintoff steered Lancashire to a five-wicket victory in a low scoring 40over Roses contest at Ole Trafford yesterday.

The England Under-19 allrounder, prevented from bowling by a mystery back injury, showed why Lancashire are happy to play him just as a batsman with a 64ball half-century.

It was the only innings over 50 in the match, as Lancashire passed Yorkshire's 152 for nine with 3.4 overs to spare. Michael Bevan (29) was the top scorer for Yorkshire.

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on Saturday when the London Monarchs went down 37-3 away to Frankfurt Galaxy, the heaviest defeat in their 34-game history and their second of the new World League of American Football Monarchs and league offici-

als insisted last week that Lewis Capes, the British defensive lineman, was ranked ahead of Perry on the teamsheet because of the rule that a national player must be on the field for alternate drives and that they should share playing time. In Frankfurt, they shared time in the same way that the teams shared 40

Perry made his only appearance for two plays early in the second quarter with his side already 14-0 down; this despite

By RICHARD WETHERELL the superiority of Frankfurt's enormous offensive linemen.

who would have been the Fridge's direct opponents. Roared on by a crowd of 34,186, they pushed the Mon-archs' defensive line around at will, helping Galaxy to score

The prime beneficiary of that dominance was the German running back, Ingo Seibert, who scored two touchdowns. The almost permanent presence on the sideline of The Fridge, used during his National Football League career as a run-stopper, was as imagine of a man weighing in the region of 30 stone.

After a quiet start, Seibert's first touchdown inspired Galaxy's high-powered offense. They scored touchdowns on their next two possessions while the Monarchs' initial first down - Galaxy had 15 by then - arrived well into the

second quarter. That success by Gaston Green, the former Denver Broncos running back who, on the rare occasions he had the ball, looked a different class, led to London's only points, Roger Ruzek's 39-yard

Yesterday, Scottish Claymores joined Frankfurt at the top with a 23-12 defeat of Barcelona Dragons, Paul McCallum, the former Canadian Football League player. kicking three field goals before a crowd of 12,928 fans at Murrayfield.

Although the Dragons' quarterback, Kelly Holcomb, on loan from Tampa Bay Buccaneers, gave a 57-yard Shedd and then a four-yarder to tight-end Bryce Burnett, the Spanish side were always chasing the game.

### Wilkinson goes flat out for record

By PETER BRYAN ANDY WILKINSON took

cycle record-breaking into a new era - and a potential controversy - at the weekend using an unconventional machine to produce speeds previously unknown in longdistance riding. Wilkinson, 27 and an ama-

teur from New Brighton, Merseyside, is renowned as a "mile cater" and last year set a new official national cycling record for the 840 railes separating Lands Ends from John o'Groats, which be covered in one day, 21 bours,

Last night, he was set to beat that time handsomely riding a machine with a design popular in the 1920s, in

which he reclines in a com-pletely enclosed aerodynamic shell designed by Mike Burrows, responsible for the high-tech Lotus bike on which Chris Boardman won the Olympic pursuit title in Barcelona in 1992.

On the way to John o'Groats, Wilkinson beat the official mileages for 12 hours. when he covered 29512 miles. and for 24 hours, with a distance of 530 miles.His schedule was to reach the Scottish finish point at 2am this morning, but time checks indicated that, barring accidents, he could complete his ride with as much as four

hours in hand Yet, when he reaches the finish line at the John o'Groats Hotel, he knows that his times will not be accepted as new British records. The Road Records Association, founded in 1888 and which hallmarks claims for the recognised 20 mens' records, has always made it clear that attempts on machines with any form of fairing will not be

Wilkinson's ride had been accompanied by sunshine, rain and fog, and yesterday he encountered the snow line on the Pass of Drumochter (660 miles), north of Blair Atholi. By that point, he had made only two brief stops - for a massage and a 30-minute

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# 1,015 runners break three-hour barrier

are the first finishers in the 1996 Flora London Marathon, including the 1.015 who broke the three-hour mark. The results are provided by

Unisys, official suppliers of computers to the race. The names and times of the other finishers will be published this week.

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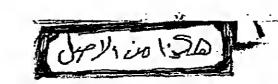
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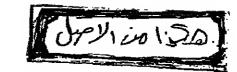
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Holding crosses the line for his third victory in London

### Holding posts another landmark

By Alix Ramsay

DAVE HOLDING is making a habit of rewriting the record books at the London wheelchair marathon. Yesterday, he became the first man to win the title three times, setting a personal best time of lhr 43min 48sec. His previous victories came in 1989, when he was the youngest winner Bt the age of 21, and 1994.

Tanni Grey also completed B London hat-trick, setting a women's course record of 2hr 00min 10sec and finishing nearly ten minutes ahead of last year's winner, Rose Hill. Grey is the second woman to

win three times.
All the competitors were hampered by a gusting head wind. The conditions left Holding having to rely on his sprint linish to take the title. From the start he had been leading a breakaway group of four, with Bogdan Krol, of Poland, Jack McKenna and Ivan Newman trailing his every move. Newman's challenge faded at the halfway stage, but the other two stuck

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to him like glue until the cobbled section of road after 22 miles. That put paid to Mc-Kenna and left Holding trying to pull away from Krol.

"I tried to make B move on The Embankment about a mile from the finish, but Bogdan stayed with me," Holding said. "Luckily there are two right turns coming into Buck-ingham Palace and The Mall and I finally found some tail wind and broke him there."

Picking up speed all the way

to the finish line, Holding finished a good 60 metres and 14sec ahead of Krol. Before the race, McKenna and Newman knew that their only hope was to pull away from Holding in the early stages and give him no chance to catch them on the line. When that failed, they

What was more of a surprise was the performance of Krol. He had gone to Boston for the marathon last week only to find his entry form had

knew they would struggle.

been lost. In desperation he tried to get a late entry to London and was then told he was cleared 10 race in both events. Last week he finished sixteenth in Boston and only arrived in London on Friday.
The entry for the women's

race was, Ba usual, limited. With Boston offering \$8,000 (around £5,300) to the winner. the top pushers head for the United States and leave London to the romantics. Grey, however, was using this year's marathon as a guide to her training form for the Atlanta Paralympics and the course record and personal best time proved the winter's work was paying off.

"I can't really get excited about winning because it's such a small field," she said, "bul I speni a fortune lo go to South Africa in the winter and now I know it was worth it." It also proves that her new £1,800 racing chair is running in smoothly. At least it goes in a straight line," she said, "My last one wouldn't, especially when I tried to mend it with a



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WMOODFORD: Inter-club (selected witners), 100m; A Hugher (RAF) 10.8sec. 200m; Hughes 22.2 400m; A Lustgerien (Oxford Univ) 48.3, 800m; C McCaw (Oxford Univ) 48.3, 800m; C McCaw (Oxford Univ) 1min 55.3sec., 2,000m steeplechase; A Beevers (Oxford Univ) 604.5, 110m hurdles; S Rosalo (Oxford Univ) 15.1sec. High jump; P Howard (Moodford Green) 1.90m Pole vault; M Buck, Oxford Univ) 4.40m Long jump; G Davies (Oxford Univ) 6.73m, Triple jump; D McCalla (RAF) 14.11m, Shot; A Zaidman [Erfield) 15.52m, Discus; P Lowe (RAF) 39.54m, Javelin; P Howard 68.92m, Matich result; 1, Royal Ali Force 169pts, 2, Oxford University 1205, 3, Woodford Green 76 Women; 200m; V Day [Essext 251.sec 400m; D Duncan [Essext 25] 1.8cc 400m; D Duncan [Essext 25] 8.800m; C Martin (Oxford Univ) 2min 18.4sec 1,500m; S Cook (Oxford Univ) 4.450, Shot; C Done (RAF) 11.99m Matich result; 1, Royal Ar Force 59pts, 2, Oxford University 38, 3, Essex Lades 12.

CRAWLEY: Open meeting (selected win-ners): 800m: C Bourne (Team Solent) 2min 14 7sec 3,000m: P Davoren (Brighton and Hove) 8 28.0 High jump: C Gliding (Brighton and Hove) 1 90m Pole vault: R Thickgeriny (Peterborough) 4 50m. Triple jump: P Falph (GEC Aviones) 15.10m Discue: J Whight (Bracknet) 40.08m Javelin: J Uniem (Crawley) 38.22m BATH: Open marking (selected manager) BATH: Open meeting (selected winners): 5,000m: A Eynon (Swanssa) 14mm 41 3sec Pole Veuit: G Lease (Bristol) 3 80m

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Furness) 1:13:54: 3, D Groover (Sunderland) 1:14:20. Teams: 1, South Uverpool 76;rts; 2, Barrow-in-Furness 114; 3, Cleylon-le-Moor 131. Veteran: R Brewser (Cayton-le-Moor) 1/rr 15min 22sa; Women: Y Danson (Clayton-le-Moor) 1/rr 15min 54ea; 2, S Walters (Odord) 1:30:77; 3, A Lenderyou (Darington) 1:313. Team; Holme Yalley 1:253; 2, Tod Morden 1,480: 3, Red Rose 1.663.

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Lou Del Velle (US) pils.

BRENTWOOD: British super-middle-weight championship: Joe Celzsghe (Newbridge, holder) bi Mark Delaney (West Harn) ns. 5th md. Light-middleweight: Stave Roberts (Wast Harn) bi Pater Vosper (Plymouth) pts. Walberweight: Georgie Smith (Basildon) bi Danny Quacoe (Crawley) pts. Light-weilserweight: Ray Roberson (Perritaroka) bi Brian Coleman (Birntingham) pts; Bernand Peul (Tottenham) bi Mickey Heil (Ludworth) nsc 3nd md. Lightweight: David Kehoe (Northampon) bi Paul Salmon (Plymouth) pts. Feather-weight: Richard Evett (Coventry) bi Wayne Jones (Saltzah) nsc 2nd md. DUSSELDORP: European heavyweight championship: Zeliko Mavrovic (Cro. hold-er) bl. Christophe Bizot (Fr) pts. CYCLING

TOUR OF ARAGON: Final stage (163 5tm): 1, M Capolini (ii) 4hr 16min 3sec: 2, 1 Cerioli (ii) same time; 3, E Leon (iii) same time; 3, E Leon (iii) same time; 4, E Leon (iii) same time; 5) 30, 24hr 48mm 46eec; 2, A Germendie (Sp) at 25sec; 3, J C Domingua: (Sp) 30, ROAD RACES: Welwyn-Hastield Grand Prix (1011m): 1, R Hoiden (GS Arways-Pougeot) 4hr 2mm 15sec; 2, M Postier (feam Energy), 3, G Thomas (Team Anthossa) at 3sme time; Newark, Notting-hamshine: Silver Spoon two-day chase (142m): 1, G Sparght (Optimum Performance RT) at 3sec, 3, K Dawson (142m): 1, G Sparght (Optimum Performance RT) at 3sec, 3, K Dawson (Optimum Performance RT) at 3sec, 3, K Dawson (Optimum Performance RT) at 1sec, 3, I Dorham (Wolchensen Women's national series, racing club Omega (50m): 1, M Purus (Notth Wiral Valo) 215:15, 2, M Lawrence (Feam Ambrosie) at 15sec, 3, J Dorham (Wolchensen CH) at 1sec, 3, A Meann (Merseyslide Wheelsis) at 15sec, 3 A Meann (Merseyslide Wheelsis) at 15sec, 3 A Meann (Merseyslide Wheelsis) at 15sec, 3 Meann (Merseyslide Wheelsis) at 15sec, 3 Meann (Merseyslide Wheelsis) at 1sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, Broughton-in-Furnesic Laleas RC (50m): 1, M Taylor (Calourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, Broughton-in-Furnesic Laleas RC (50m): 1, M Taylor (Calourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, Broughton-in-Furnesic Laleas RC (50m): 1, M Taylor (Calourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, Broughton-in-Furnesic Laleas RC (50m): 1, M Taylor (Calourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, Broughton-in-Furnesic Laleas RC (50m): 1, M Taylor (Calourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, Broughton-in-Furnesic Laleas RC (50m): 1, M Taylor (Calourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, Broughton-in-Furnesic Laleas RC (60m): 1, M Taylor (Calourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec, B

M Holdby, A Wingley 52.22; 2. Houghton CC-Cestria CC composite 54.48, 3. Lancaster CC 53.43. Esteac Shattesbury CC (25m); 1, D. Akam (Wembley RC) 52.52; 2, C. Gould (Southend and County Wheelers) 58.20; 3, 6. Craddook (Else CC) 58.29. Team: Shattesbury CC 3.02.34. West Sufficilic Wheelers (25m); 1, 1 Carmitish (Veto Vernic) 53.42; 2, 6. Dignition (Leo RC) 53.51; 3, M. Pyris (Leo RC) 53.54. Team: Leo RC 2.5m); 1, J. Findley (Lyme RC) 55.29; 2, D. Bales (South Pannine RC) 55.11; 3, J. Seebnidge (Mence CC) 56.23, 8. Team: South Pennine RC 25.21; 2. Urbovetar: South Pennine RC) 55.11; 3, J. Seebnidge (Mence CC) 56.35, R. Team: South Pennine RC) 56.01; 2, K. Turner (Team Rapide) 57.18, Sediordshire: RCC (25m); 1, R. Hughes (Clarence Wheelers) 58.38, 2, G. Frost (Loughboro Stu CC) 58.35, 3. R. Laws (Britanhead Victora CC) **EQUESTRIANISM** 

GENEVA: World Cup show/umping: Pinal:
1, ET (H Smon, Austra) 10.00pts (Smon won in jump-cit): 2. Calvaro (W Melliper. Switz): 10.00; 3, Dollar Girl (N Sueton. GB) 11.00; 4, Tomboy (Fl Pessoa, Br) 12.50; 5, Carrado (F Stootheak, Gar) 13.75. Selected: 8, Grannuach (J Whiteker, GB) 19.50

FENCING

IPSWICH CUP: Womens epee Internationet: 1, O Jermakova (Est); 2, G Buerli, Switz); 3, M Votu (Est) sod H Rort (Est); 5, C Botel (Ger), 8, T Chappe (Sp); 7, R Castilejo (Sp); 8, S Cometi (t), British: 24, D Catoripota

GOLF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: MCI Classic tournament: Leading third-round accres (US unless stated): 196: 1. Roberts 65, 69, 63, 202: M O'Meara 68, 69, 65, 204: N O'Meara 68, 69, 65, 204: S Hoch 71, 68, 65, D Love 68, 68, 68, L Nekon 67, 68, 69, 208: T Lehman 68, 70, 67: T Purtcer 70, 67, 68, C Montgorner8. (GE) 68, 65, 70, J Maggert 68, 68, 70, 206: W Austin 72, 67, 72, 207: D Martin 67, 71, Y Watson 67, 67, 72, 207: D Martin 67, 71, 59, 81 way 67, 70, 77, R Mediate 69, 68, 71, 13, J Suman 67, 67, 73, Selected scores: 208: L Janzen 69, 70, 69; N Proc (Zim) 72, 67, 69, 209: N Falcio (GE) 70, 68, 71, 210: G Norman (Aus) 69, 69, 72, 212: D Frost (SA) 71, 71, 70, M Campboll (N2) 73, 69, 70, 217: A Lyle (GB) 71, 71, 75.

CANNES OPEN: Leeding final scores (GB and les unless stated): 272: R Russell 68, 68, 67, 71. 274: 0 Certer 70, 62, 69, 73, 278: 1 Genrido (Sp) 67, 68, 75, 68, 63 Brand Int 72, 73, 69, 68, 277: J Payne 73, 69, 68, 67, C Hocca (fit 70, 66, 72, 69, 278: C Suneson (Sp) 73, 67, 68, 70, 278: P Brandhurst 70, 73, 70, 68, R Munitz (Holi) 70, 68, 72, 69, 69, 17, P Hardborn (Sp) 73, 68, 68, 272: P Brandhurst 70, 74, 68, 68, 72, P Hammotton 68, 65, 72, 74, 260: G Turner (N2) 71, 69, 69, 71; P Hardborn (Swe) 75, 64, 70, 71; J Van de Velde (Pr) 72, 71, 66, 71; D Febrery 72, 71, 65, 71; P Affleck 71, 68, 68, 73, 281; R Wilseon 69, 73, 70, 70; M Turniculi 67, 72, 67, 72, 67, 52, 52, 68; P Eslee 71, 70, 72, 69; M McLean 72, 73, 68; P Eslee 71, 70, 72, 69; M McLean 72, 73, 68; P Cellecher 78, 66, 74, 67; S Lurn (Sp) 75, 69, 71, 74, 75, 76; S Gellecher 78, 66, 74, 67; S Lurn (Sp) 75, 69, 71, 73, 273, 70; D Clarine 68, 75, 70, 71; P Watton 65, 78, 70, 71; R Druschier 70, 69, 71, 72, 68, 73, 74, 77, 78, 68, 74, 72; P Jacquelin (Fr) 71, 72, 68, 73; M Roe 71, 72, 68, 73; A Ksmikomen (Frin) 70, 69, 71, 72, 68, 73; A Ksmikomen (Frin) 70, 69, 71, 72, 73, 70; D Clarine 68, 75, 70, 71; P Watton 65, 78, 70, 71; R Druschier 70, 68, 71, 72, 73, 70; D Clarine 68, 75, 70, 71; P Watton 65, 78, 70, 71; R Druschier 70, 69, 71, 72, 73, 70; D Clarine 68, 75, 70, 71; P Watton 65, 78, 70, 71; R Druschier 70, 69, 71, 72, 73, 70; D Clarine 68, 75, 70, 71; P Watton 65, 78, 70, 71; R Druschier 70, 69, 71, 72, 73, 70; D Haugemod (Nor) 74, 71, 69, 72; 72, 70; D F Haugemod (Nor) 74, 71, 69, 72; 73, 70; P Haugemod (Nor) 74, 74, 76, 69, 71; 74, 70, 70; D Gillord 73, 68, 72, 72; M Jonzon (Swe) 69, 70, 77; 72, 74, 75; P Lacker (N2), 72, 74, 74, 74, 76, 76; S Lire (Sa) 77, 77; L Gilbert 67, 74, 74, G Marsh (Aus) 71; L Gilbert 67, 74, 74, G Marsh (Aus) 71; L Gilbert 67, 74, 74, G Marsh (Aus) 71; L Gilbert 67, 74, 74, G Marsh (Aus) 71; C ROfriquez 71, 73, 71; L Gilbert 67, 74, 74, G Marsh (Aus) 71; C ROfriquez 71, 72, 74, 75; C ROfriquez 71, 73, 77; P ROCKEY

HOCKEY Mil\_TON KEYNES: Women's National League play-offe: Saturday: Crimson Ramiblers 3 Blactourn C. West Winey 1 Chetenham 2: Old Loughtorlans 3 Crimson Ramblers 1, Blactourn 4 Chetenham 2: Yesterday: Ctd Loughtonisns 1 West Witney 2: Chaltenham 1 Crimson Ramblers 1; Blackburn 1 West Witney 0 ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-off's: Pirst round: Friday: Western Conference: Detroit 4 Winnipeg 0 (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 2-0): Choogo 3 Cagary 0 (Chicago lead 2-0): Eastern Conference: Westington 5 Pitschungh 3 (Wasthington tead 2-0) Sebunday: Western Conference: Vancouver 0 Colorado 4 (Colorado lead 2-PINDHOVEN: World championships:
Pool B: Greet Britain 4 Belanus 2, Denmark
2, Japan 2, Latvia 1 Switzerland 1; Holland 2
Polend 2, Final poelionas 1, Latvia 13pts; 2,
Switzerland 11; 3, Belanus 10; 4, Greet
Britain 9; 5, Poland 4; 6, Denmark 3, 7,
Holland 3, 8, Japan 3 (Japan relegated to
pool C).

HIGH WYCOMBE: Men's match; Wales 2 Kenton 12, Women's home international; England 16 Wales 2, England B 14, Wales S MOTORCYCLING

LACROSSE

SUZUKA: Japan Grand Pric. (5.864km, 21lapsi). 500cc: 1, N. Abe, Liapan, Yamaha).
45min; 34.590ssc.; 2 A. Cwelle (Sp. Honda).
45min; 34.590ssc.; 3 Bestile (Aus. Suzuki).
45min; 34min; 37min; 37min RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League Seturciary
Camileford: 20 Okthem: 24
Castleford: Tries: Flyrin, Sempson; Smales, Goale; Botice 4. Oldham: Tries: Altrem, Alcheson 2, Maloney, Goale; Meloney 4. Att: 4,396.
Yestlerday Leeds 36 Sheffield 22

Leads: Tries: A Gitbons: D Gibbons 2, Fallon, Holmoyd 2, Mercer, Goele: Cummins 2, Holmoyd 2, Sheffield: Tries: Gercia, Hughes, Lewlord, Lawless. Goels: Aston 3, Att. 9,039. · 58 Workington London . London: Tries: Bawden, Bryant, Cochrane, Meterson, Mestrov, Prt. Rea, Roskel, Tollett. Goels: Meterson 11. Att. 4,138. 48 Paris Wanington Warrington: Tries: Hough, Knott 2, Koh-Love 2, Perry, Rudd, Sheford Goels: Hams 4, Knott 3, Rudd, Peris: Tries: Pastre-Courtine 3, Vergniol, Goels: Torrelles 4, Att.

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5 2 0 3 106 135
5 1 0 4 117 141
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Sheffield
Paris
Bradford
Cestleford
Leeds
Haldax
Workington

Whitehaven 8 Feetherstone 32 Whitehaver: Thy: Williams. Goal: Magure. Feetherstone: Tries: Gloson, Hughes. Peerson 2, Wilson. Goals: Peerson 6. Att. F 75 147, 75 142, 75 114, 54 56, 144 114, 58 97, 63 64, 112 90, 115 45, 167 Featherstone Salford Keighley Dewabury Hufi Huddensfield Widnes Batley Wakefield Rochdale .... Second division

First division

22 Widnes Hult: Trias: Coven. Fisher, Jackson. Moffett. Goals: Gray 3. Widnes: Tries: Broadbant, Thomiley, Tyrer, Goals: Tyrer 3 At: 3,092.

22 Dewsbury

Rochdele: Tries: Churm, Pit. Ratu. Sharp. Glods: Ager 3. Develony: Tries: Austerfield 2, Brant, Williamson. Goale: Eisto 4. Att. 1,057.

Waterfield 26 Selford 32
Waterfield: Tries: Alen, Copesake, Fow 3.
Goels: Davis 3. Selford: Tries: Edwards, Forber 2. Martin, McAvoy, Rogers. Goels: Bislesiey 4. Att 3,010.

26 Selford

8 Featherstone 32

Cartiste 26 Brantey 6
Cartiste: Tries: Graham, Kavanagh, Lynch
2, Williams. Goshi: Richardson 3. Brantey:
Try: Brown. Goel: Creeseer Att. 500. Chorley 10 Hull Ķ 🛱 Chorley: Tries: Barrow, Breitherton, Goal: Barrow, Hull K R: Tries: Altens 2, C Harrison, Charles, Crarie, Carmet, Gene 2, Hoe; M. Fletcher, C'Brient, Civer 5, P Fletcher, Goale, M. Fletcher 12, Atc. 400. Hurslet , 48 York 18 Hurslet: Tries: Brook, Coyle 2, Famel, Harlen, Lambad 2, Lingard, Plange Goals: Smon Wason 8, York Tries: Cain, Hopcutt, Laurence, Goals: Smirk 3 Att: 1, 105.

Leigh 48 Prescot 11 Leigh Thes: Bernister, Daniel 2, Hadcrott, Mason, Purtiff, Dungley, Tau Liku Goels: Purtil 8, Dropped goal: Mason, Prescot: Tries: Deskin, England Goals: Farning 2, Att. 1,124.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Leigh Miners Welfers 52 Seddleworth 28, Milliom 24 Hernel Hemp-steed 12, West Hull 34 Mayfield 14, Wigen St Patricks 28 Heworth 24 BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Semi-finals: Elem-borough 8 Wookston 4; Wiger St Judes 6 Skirlaugh 29.

Slortaugh 29.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Cronule 36 Sydney Tigers 16; St George 30 Centrera 20: Brisbarie 58 North Queensland 14; North Sydney 16 South Queensland 4; Newcastle 24 Pennth 22, Penramistia 38 Newcastle 24 Pennth 22, Penramistia 38 South Sydney 10, Sydney Quy 29 Western Suburbs 0; Gold Coest 28 Illemetra 20; Manly 22 Auckland 10, Sydney Buildogs 16 Western Reds 14.

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SCHOOL SPORT

Semi-finel: Coverity 3 Welsell 4.
CRICKET: (\* denotes home side) Archingly
221-7 dec. \*\*Hurstplespoint 223-4.
\*\*Berkhamsted 191-9 dec. Brentwood 182-6; \*\*Herrow 257-3 dec (A Co. 105), Dulwich
219-8; St. John's, Leatherhead 256-9 dec;
\*\*Lord Wandsworth 158.

SNOOKER SHEFFIELD: Embassy World champ-jorship: First round: S Hendry (Soot) br J. Ferquson (Eng) 10-8. D Hendri (Eng) bt N Fouldo: (Eng) 10-4. R O'Sulfivan (Eng) bt N Robidoux (Can) 10-3: T Drago (Melta) bt S James (Eng) 10-2. SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 59 Belle Vie\* 37: Eastbourne 53 Ipswich 43, Swindon 52, Wolverhampton 44. SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: First round: Second leg: Bradford 65 Sheffield 31 (Bradford win 119-73 on agg). SQUASH

SRA NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play Off's: Final: Potiers Bar 4 Barnham Broom 1.

#### **RUGBY UNION**

Courage Clubs Championship

First division 21 Saracens Tries; Bracken, Regan Con: Pena: Tainton 3, Saracens: Try: n; Singer (at Central Park, Wigan)

Ornell: Try: Wynn Pens: Healey, Meson Bath: Tries: De Glanville, Hang 2, Nool, Sleightholme 2 Cons: Callard 4 Pens: Callard 2 11 Bath 52 West Hartlepool 12

Tries: Gomersali, Greenstock 2. Greenwood, Molloy, Roser 2 regory 6. West Hartlepool: Tries n, Thompson Con: Oliphani.

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16 14 0 2 429 215 28
17 12 0 5 503 295 24
17 10 0 7 405 319 20
17 9 0 8 327 333 18
18 8 0 10 263 380 12
16 6 0 11 252 332 10
17 5 0 12 274 431 10
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LEADING SCORERS: 240; J Liev
(Lecester; 3 tres, 24 conversions, 58
peralty goals, 1 dropped goal) 223; J
Catard Gath, 31, 41c, 42pgl, 166; 5 Meason
(Orreft, 41, 16c, 38pgl, 154; f Liev) [Sale, 31,
20c, 31pg, 2dgl, 126; A Lee (Saracens, 21,
7c, 23pg., 5dgl, 110; T Stumpston (West
Hartlepool, 51, 82, 23pg) 103; M Tanton
(Bristol, 8c, 28pg., 1dgl, 101; P Challinor
(Hartequins, 51, 17c, 11pg, 3dgl), Tries; 13;
D O'Leary (Hartequins), 11; 5 Bromiey
(Hardequins), 9; J Guscott (Bath), 8; 5
Ploser (Wasps), G Smith (Orreft) 7; A
Adebayo (Bath), P de Glamile (Bath), B
Krichin (Hartequins), A Lumsden (Beth), J
Staples (Hartequins), R Underwood
(Larcester)

Second division 21 Northampton 34 Wakefield Wakefield: Tries: Jackson, Scully Cont Jackson Pens: Jackson 3 Northampton: Tries: Beal, Dawson, Morgan Cons: Grayson 2 Pens: Grayson 4. Dropped goal: Grayson.

LEADING SCORERS: 285: M Corcoran ILondon Insh. 8 Inss. 34 conversions, 59 penalty goald, 204: P Grayson (Northamp-ion, 3, 69; 14pg, 3 dropped goals), 172: M Jackson (Wakefield, 2, 18c. 42pg), 151:

M Jackson (Wahafield, 2, 18c. 2pg), 151: A Kerr (Moseky; 6, 11c, 31pg, 2dg), 148: 5 Hodglunson (Nottinghem, 11, 16c. 3pg, 3dg), 137: 5 Howard (Blackheath, 2; 14c. 28pp, 5dg), 134: M Emmeti (Waterloo, 1; 12c, 35pg), 123: J Steele ILondon Scottish 2t, 16c, 25pg, 2dg), Tries: 17: M Allen Northamptoni 13: 6 Seely (Northamptoni, G Townsend (Northamptoni), 10: C D Shea (London Irsh) 9: M Dewison (Northamp-ton), C Mor (Northamptoni, A Pounthey (Northamptoni), 8: Gorcoran, 7: N Beal (Northamptoni), M Beal (Northamptoni), M Bed Northampton) 8: Corcoran 7: N Be Northampton), M Diods (Northampton). Diver (Bedford), D Scully (Wakefield), CIS county championship

Final

Gloucestershire 17 Warwickshire 13 tershire: Tries: Davis, Stanlake nith 2. Pen: Smith Warwickshire r Con: M Gallagher. Pens: N (at Twickenham)

CIS under-21 county championship

Final East Midlands 13 Yorkahire Sanyo Cup Leicester 31 World XV 40 Leicester: Tries; Hackney, Potter, Richards, Tarbuck 2 Corns: Liley 3 World XV: Tries; Cabame, Joseph, Matsuda, Pichol, Sellin, Seravl. Cons.: Seravl 5

(at Twickenham) Heineken League First division

Aberavon: Tries: Baber, Jardine, Jasper, Krissy, Merrett Cons: Watts 4. Abertitiery: Tries: Caswell, Corlen 2, M Williams Cons: M Williams 2. 78 Newbridge Cardiff; Tries; A Daves, A Lews, G Jones 2. Hill 2, Rayer 2, Walker 2, Williams, Young Cons; Rayer 8, Williams, Newbridge; Try; Sedgemore Con; Strange. 27 Newport Ebbw Vale

Ebbw Vale 27 Newport 12 Ebbw Vale: Tries: Hayward 2, K Jones, Llewellyn Cons: Hayward 2 Pen: Hay-ward Newport: Pena: G Rees 4 Lianelli 23 Portypridd 13 Lianelli: Tries: M Wintle, P Davies, Proctor, Cort: McCarthy, Perm; McCarthy 2, Ponty-pridd: Try, Paul John, Cort: Jenkins Pens: Jenkins 2 Swansea

Swansea: Tries: Boobyer, Evens Con; A Williams Pens; A Williams 3, Neath; Tries; Evens, J Dewes 2 Cons; Bridges 2 Pens; Bridges 2 20 Bridgend 20 Treorchy

Trearchy: Tries: A Thomas, Hammans Riggs Con: D Evans Pen: D Evans Bridgend: Tries: Forster 2, R Jones, Con. Gnitths Pen: Gnifiths. PW D L 19 14 1 4 97 28 16 15 0 3 95 27 19 14 0 5 77 26 18 14 0 4 67 20 21 10 0 11 73 19 20 10 1 73 19 20 10 1 8 37 8 20 8 0 12 38 8 19 6 1 13 37 8 21 2 0 18 41 8 21 3 0 18 32 8

Second division 26 Pontypool 59 Tariby Utd 39 Bonymaen 36 Liandovery 17 S Wales Po Abercynon Caerphilly Cross Keys Llanharan Maesteg Ystradgynla

THIRD DIVISION: Biaina 17 Cardiff Inst 73. Glamorgan Windrs 13 Kernfig Hill 16. Natioenth 22 Mountain Ash 12, Penarth 15 Blackwood 18 Pyle 12 Yondu 16. Tradegar 27 Builth Weils 16. Tennents 1556 Cup Quater-finals Glasgow Acads 8 Metrose Glasgow Acads: Try: Smmers Pen: C MacGregor Metrose: Try: Shepherd Pens: G Parker 3

Hawick: Tries: Elliot, Johnston, Oliver, Con: Weish, Pens; Weish 3. Preston Lodge: Try: Michie. Pen: Sandilands, Dropped goal: Stauert

all same time.

TIME-TRALS: Baldersby, North Yorkshire: Yorkshire RC (25m): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 50:17 (course record); 2, I Cooke (Optimum Performsina RI) 51:40; 3, G Watts (Team Rapide) 52:54. Team: GS Metro 2:42:08. Cleveland: Wheelers (25m); 1, Cleveland Wheelers (N Jackson,

Herlots FP 6 Watsonians 23 Hertots FP: Pens: Lang 2. Wassoniens: Tries: F Henderson, Kerr. Cons: Hodge 2. Pens: Hodge 3 13 Dundee HSFP 37

Kilmamocic Try: Weish, Corr: Stewart, Pans; Stewart 2 Dundee HSFP: Tries; Hayter, Longstaff 3, Scott Cons; Pearson 3 Pens: Pearson 2 TENNENTS 1556 BOWL: Quarter-linels: Saturday: Hithead-Jordanhill 21 Ayr 8 (set) Yesterday: Annan 22 Edinburgh Wands 7; Cartha OP 0 Selark 53, 8). Peobles 8 Edinburgh Acads 27.

TENNENTS 1596 SHIELD; Quarter-finals: Curne 43 Kelso 12, Glasgow Southern 13 Kirkcaldy 38, Gordomans 26 Glenrothes 5, West of Scotland 10 Surling Co 16. Insurance Corporation

League First division Blackmock Col 34 Instensions 25 Cork Const 47 Did Belvedere 12 Garryowen 11 St Mary's College 8 Lansdowne 17 Ballymena 24 Young Murster 25 Old Wesley 15

Second division Bective Rangers 42 Malorie Clontari 18 NIFC Greystones 10 Terenure Col 6 Old Crescent 17 Dolphin Sunday's Well Wanderers

16 CLUB MATCHES: Camborne 17 Laun-cestori 22, Cittori 3 Lichfield 40, Coventry ceston 22, Céton 3 Lichibeld 40, Coverthy 55 Moseley 16, Harrogate 55 Broughton Park 19, Havarra 13 Rossyin Park 18; Henley 29 Learnington 39, Laeds 40 Wharladale 22, Everpool 51; Helens 32 Mortey 17; London Insh 30 Sale 19, Gostonth 6 kendal 13. Plymouth 37 Breahman 15, Preston Grasshoppers 15 Britanhad Park 12, Rednuth 20 Taumton 22, Shelfield 32 Macclesfield 28, Tabard 21 Richmond 41, Wasall 25 Burton 23, Weston-super-Mare 8 Stoke 8, Reading 41 High Wycombe 14 Cancelled: Aspalna v Fylde; Lydney v Bodgowater, Nottingham v Chetenham, Rotherham v York, Sandal v New Brighton, Stoutbodge v Hereford, Worcester v Stroud YOUTH. INTERNATIONAL: England 18 YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: England 18 France 22 (at Chester) UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 11 Wales 18 (at Millorae, Avr).

UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 18 Wales 11 lat Millorae, Ayr). MIDDLESEX COUNTY CUP: Final: Starnes 290 Merchant-Teylors 3 (at Heriequins). MAZDA KENT CUP: Backheath 23 Charlton Park 21 (at (at D. Juddkans, Tonbridge). NORTH MIDLANDS COUNTY CUP: Final: Worcester 22 Hereford 11 (at Moseley). EAST MIDLANDS COUNTY CUP: Final: Kettering 14 Amothil 15 jat Kettering).

ALAN GHIMSDELL BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CUP: Final: Aylesbury 6 Marlow 6 (act, at Aylesbury) CUMBRIA COUNTY CUP: Final: Aspatra 20 Wigton 7 (at Elis Ground, Worlangton) WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final Fich mond 15 Saracens 35 (at Staines RFC). WOMEN'S STUDENT CUP: Final: Loughborough 7 Brunel College 17 (al Staines RFC)

International match 64 Romania France: Tries: Moni, Glas 2, Labrousse 2, Caliano 3, Penaud, Ntamack, Cons. Dountle 7 Romania: Pens: Popsteanu 3, Dropped goal: Popsteanu 1 lat Aurilla SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: New South Wales 29 Otago 25 (in Sydney)

#### Newbury Going: good to soft

2.00 (1m 3f Syd) 1, High Beroque (J Red, 9-1), 2, Flyfisher (20-1), 3, Mysoc knight (7-1), Boght Water 5-8 law 5 ran, 3 kl, 3 kl, P Chappie-Hyam Toler £7,10; £2,90, £3,80 DF £35,20 CSF £90 10 DF E3320 C3 E30 to 2.30 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Spout (T Spreke, 6-1): 2, Wayne County (11-1), 3, Moonax (7-4 tay) 8 ran NR Juyush, Naked Welcome, Sh hd, 3-1 R Charlton Tote; £7.60; £2.00, £2.80, £1.30 DF; £58.30, This: £37.40, CSF; £62.86

\$52.56 \$.00 (7) 1, Danehill Dancer (Pat Eddery, Evens tav), 2, Kahar Almeyden (11-2), 3, Taguta (6-1), 8 ran 1 V., 1 V., N Callaghan Tote \$2.00, £1 30, £1 30, £1 80, DF, \$5.20, CSF £5.68 CSF 55-68
3.30 (1m 7yd) 1, Royal Philosopher (M Hills, 25-1), 2, Cool Edge (14-1); 3, Cadeaux Tryst (12-1), 4, Wellon Arsenal 116-1) Can Ben 7-1 lav 20 ren 2, 4 J Hills Tote: £24-80, £4-20, £3-40, £4-40, £3-00 DF £144.00 Tris. £2.250.70 CSF £317-23 Tricast. £4.086.36

4.00 [5] 34yd) 1, Cherry Blossom (Pat Eddery, 6-5 tav); 2, Copperbeech (4-1), 3, March Star (7-1) 7 ran NR: Hype Energy, 3-9, sh to R Henricon Tote £2.40, £1.70, £1.70 DF: £2.80 Tric: £118.30, CSF; £6.53 4.30 (1m) 1. Nash House IJ Red, 4-9 fev). 2, The Destants (50-1), 3, Mulchiles (6-1), 14 ran, NR; Will Do Tole, 51, 21 P. Chapple-Hourt, Tole £140, £1,10, £13,40, £1 60 DF: £70.40, CSF: £34,84.

Dr. 210 40, CSP 52-4,04, 5.00 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Al's Alibi (Par Eddery, 12-1), 2, Infamous (2-1 fav), 3, Rivercare (33-1), 12 ran, 3:4, 2, W Mur Tote: £14 60; E2-40, £190, £1250 DF: £2140 Tho. £645 40 CSF £38 05 Tricest £777.61. 5.30 (1m) 1, Golden Ace (Dane O'Nett. 33-1): 2, Forza Figlio (25-1). 3, Musick House (4-1). Phantom Quest 4-6 fav. 14 ran. kl. sh kd. R Hannon Tole: 882.89, 26.80, 25.500, £1 40 DF £995 50 Tno: £486.90 CSF: £559.49.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,433.72 carried forward to Nottinghern today).
Placepot: £235.50. Quadpot: £15.10. Thirsk 2.15 1, Mill End Girl (10-1), 2, Jib Jeb (12-1), 3, Cantsaynowt (5-1), Caviar And Candy 13-8 lav. 8 ren.

Carroy 13-8 rav. 8 ran. 2-50 1. Young Benson (7-1), 2, Soldier Mak (7-1); 3, Harry's Treat (12-1) Meltors 15-8 fav. 7 ran NF: Calling, Only. 3-20 1, Stuffed (13-2); 2, Royal Dome (15-2), 3, Lady Sherif (12-1), 4, Montrestar (14-1), Tenor 3-1 lav. 18 ran. 3.50 1. Ramooz (4-1). 2, Bahamian Kright (7-1), 3, Ali-Royal (10-11 fav). 7 ran 4.20 1, Carranita (11-2); 2, Atraf (3-1); 3, Venture Capitalist (7-4 fav), 7 ren. 4.50 1, Tessejoe (3-1): 2, Domappel (9-2): 3, Cetich Star (7-1) Contraine 9-4 fav. 11

5.20 1, Glowing Jade (9-1); 2, Queens Consul (11-2), 3, Gymcrak Flyer (14-1) Cashmere Lady 7-4 fav. 12 ran NR, Angel Criminal 5.501, Willisa (5-1), 2. Classic Beauty (9-1), 3. Scenicris (10-1) Belzao 4-5 lav 8 ran NR. Manoy Ayr

(5-2 lav): 3. Neughty Future (5-1). 9 ran NR: Generator.

2.55 1, Addington Boy (5-2), 2, Challenger du Luc (7-4 ji-lav), 3, Oscai An Doras (66-1), Arctic Kinsman 7-4 ji-lav (1), 5 ren NR Spenish Light 3.25 1, Alderbrook (8-11 lav), 2, Escarte-figue (6-1); 3, Land Afar (14-1), 8 ran. 4.05 1. Moorcroft Boy (20-1); 2. General Wolfe (9-2); 3. Arthur's Ministrei (16-1), 4. Lo Stregone (4-1 tev), 20 ran NR Ceilidh Boy, Off The Bru. Sir Peter Lety 4.40 1, Penny A Day (2-1 lav), 2, White Willow (16-1), 3, Arier Mole (4-1), 8 ran, NR Dancing Dove, Taroudant, Well Appointed



HACING \*\*\*

Danehill Dancer, ridden by Pat Eddery, wins the Tripleprint Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday

Ve. 1.4

5,10 1, Marello (7-4 (av); 2, Ready Money Creek (7-1), 3, Scoundrel (5-1) 20 ran Bangor

2.10 1, Around The Gale (7-1): 2 Whattabob (2-1 lav), 3, Green Crusade (14-1) 18 ren. 2.40 1, My Nominee (6-1), 2. Ambrose (13-2), 3, Lumberjack (12-1), Ryde Again 11-10 tav. 13 ran NR. Kall Sana. 3.10 1, Jurz [1]-6 lav). 2, Bentley Mano. (20-1), 3, Copper Cable (50-1) 6 ran 3.45 1. Marine Society [14-1]. 2. Feets Live Gold (13-2). 3. SMrcoal Green (33-1). 4. Royal Piper (6-1 tav). 20 ran 4.15 1, Jason's Boy (6-1); 2, Cholsty (12-1) 3, Funcheon Gale (6-1); Three Saints 13-8 lay 11 ran

4.45 1, Texplanter | 4-6 fav |; 2, Psajade | 11-2), 3, Howanyasun | 6-1) B ran Doro (6-1). 3, Tesas Scramble (20-1). 4 Rain-N-Sun (6-1) Bright November 5-1 lav 18 ran NR: Desert Force, Shanakee. Ascot

5.15 1, Djels (7-4 tav). 2, Dark Stranger (3-1), 3, Kcy To Moyade (50-1) 7 ran NR-Hoh Wamer. 5.45 1, Flapjack Lad (11-2); 2, Reve En

Rose (13-2), 3, Crackling Frost (12-1) Herbert Buchanan 4-1 lav 12 ran, 8.15 1, Vicosa (6-1), 2, Full OI Fire (4-1 lav); 3. Synderborough Lad (8-2), 11 /an. 6.45 1, Suivez (4-1 p-fav), 2, Albernine (4-1 p-fav); 3, Ground Nut (11-2), 11 ran. 7.15 1, Nermuro (10-11 lav); 2, Flerce (9-2); 3, Suzzing Affair (10-1), 6 ran. 7.50 1. Phar From Funny (8-1), 2, Amaze |5-11, 3, I Have Him (10-1) Intermagic 11-4 |1-lav 9 ran.

Stratford

5.30 1, Simple Simon (5-4 tav), 2. Nitre 133-1), 3, Harding (3-1), 17 ran 8.00 1, Conti D'Estruval (7-2 jt-fav), 2 Wise Approach (6-1), 3. Rustic Air (7-2 jt-fav), 9 ran 6.30 1, San Diego Charger (25-1). 2 Stately Home (14-1). 3, Cyrus The Great (7-1), 4, Poly Amarshea (10-1). Children's Choice 13-2 tav 17 ran 7.00 1, Grey Smoke (5-4 lav): 2. Bells Life (7-4); 3, Seed Rioga (3-1) 5 ran 7.30 1. Mr Golightly (9-2), 2. Sheer Jest (5-4 tav), 3. Space Fair (10-1), 16 ran 8.00 1. Delly Sport Girl (9-2), 2. Sharkashka (Evens fav): 3. Handy Lass (20-1), 9 ran.

# CHICKE SCUIE ON S

First Test match West Indies v New Zealand BRIDGETOWN (funch on third day of live) West Indies, with four first-trainings wickets in hand, are 211 runs ahead of New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings Spearman c Browne b Ambrose ... M Speaman c prowne b Amordee 0 (6 Yease c Samuels b Walsh 22 P Perming c Chairderpaul b Walsh 35 P Perming c Chairderpaul b Walsh 35 J than Astie c Browne b Thompson 54 Z Harris c Lara b Thompson 40 T C Vaughan c Bishop b Adams 44 L K Germon c Chanderpaul b Adams 0 I R Larsen st Browne b Adams 12 K Mornson not out 4 J Kennedy c Browne b Adams 12 J Kennedy c Browne b Adams 18 Catas (b 1, w 1, nb 17) 18 Total \_\_\_\_

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-2, 2-2, 3-6, 4-86, 5-87, 8-154, 7-157, 8-186, 9-193 BOMLING: Ambrose 13-4-33-1; Walsh 17-6-30-2; Bishop 10-3-36-0; Thompson 8-0-58-2; Simmons 3-0-11-0; Adams 9-4-17-5. derpaul 2-0-9-0

WEST INDIES; First Innings 

Total (6 wkts) ... C E Ambrose, "C A Walsh and P I C Thompson to bal.

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-46, 2-103, 3-129, 4-182, 5-337, -6386. BOWLING: Morrison 25-2-110-1: Kennedy 22-3-89-1; Larsen 36-13-71-3, Vaughan 29-6-65-1, Harris 26-10-42-0, Twose 4-0-20-0. Astle 1-0-3-0 Umpres: S Bucknor (West Indies) and P Willey (Eng)

Third umpire. H Moore (West Indies) Maich referes: M Denness (Eng) County match

Lancashire v Yorkshire OLD TRAFFORD (final day of three). Lancastree draw with Yorkshire LANCASHIRE: First Innings 212 (S Eworthy 68, A G Whart 4 for 29) Second Innings

FALL OF WICKET: 1-24. BOWLING. Hamilton 3-0-11-1, Wharf 2,4-0-13-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings YORKSHIRE: First Innings
C J Schoheld c Yates b Green ... 25
M P Vaughan b Austin ... 5
\*D Byas c Hegg b Elworithy ... 32
C Withe c Hegg b Elworithy ... 32
C Withe c Hegg b Green ... 5
\*fl J Blakey c Phytoti b Elworithy ... 7
A C Moma c Hegg b Green ... 60
D Gough c Hegg b Green ... 60
D Gough c Hegg b Green ... 0
A G Whar not out ... 8
I D Fisher not out ... ... 8
Total (9 wids dec! ... 237 Total (9 wkts dec) ..... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-50, 3-50, 4-69, 5-79, 6-217, 7-227, 6-227, 9-236. BOWLING Elworthy 24-3-89-2, Austin 23-13-43-1, Green 18:5-5-41-6, Keedy 18-8-32-0, Yates 10-4-12-0, Titchard 2-0-14-0

Umpres G1Burgess and R Palmer. University match Oxford University v Middlesex THE PARKS (first day of three, Middlesex won loss) Middlesex have scored 197 for

wickets against Oxford University MIDDLESEX; First Innings P N Weekes c Betry b Thomson 6
J C Harrison c Betry b Mether 38
"M W Getting c Weigh b bu Presz 63
J D Carr c Batry b Thomson 43
5 P Motifet (bw b Du Presz 00
M A Fetthern not out 13
J P Hewiti not out 16
Extres (b 6, w 10) 18

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-90, 3-168, 4-168, 5-168,

BOWLING: du Preez 20-6-44-2. Thomson 19-4-5-1-2, Winglu 9-0-33-0; Matther 11-0-45-1; Matther 20-18-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: "C M Cupte, G J Winglu, A C Rickley, G A Khan, M A Wagh, H S Matth, M E D Jerrett, TJ N Betty, R B Thomson, S P du Preez, D P Mather,

Umpires: D R Shepherd and M K Reed One-day match Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire beet Yorkshire by live wickets YORKSHIRE \*\*O Byas o Lloyd b Green 28
M P Vaughan, c Speak b Byorthy 10
M G Bevan b Yates 29
C Whete c Hopg b Austin 0.
R J Batasey c Hopg b Green 1
R A Kettleborough c Hopg b Martin 22
A C Morns at Hogg b Yates 3
D Gough c Hogg b Martin 6
P J Harriey no cut 22
G M Hamilton b Martin 10
M J Hopgard not out 6
Edras (b 5, w 11) 16
Total (9 wkbs, 40 overs) 166

BOWLING: Mertin 8-0-44-3; Eworthy 8-1-28-1, Austin 8-1-28-1, Green 8-1-15-2; Yates 8-2-22-2; Trichard 2-0-10-0.

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N J Speek b Haritey 66

G D Lloyd c Blakey b White 20

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S Elwoniny c Blakey b Hoggard 15

W K Hegg not out 20

Extras (b 2, w 12, nb 4) 18

Total (5 wkts, 36.2 overs) 154

(D Austin, R J Green, P J Martin and G Yates old not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-36, 3-41, 4-80, BOWILING. Gough 7-0-17-0; Haggard 8-1-40-2; Hartley 6:2-1-27-2; Hamilton 6-1-21-0; White 4-0-21-1. Morris 2-0-11-0; Vaughen 3-0-15-0. Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer. . . .

TOKYO: Japan Open: Finals: Men: Singles: P Sampras (US) bl. R Reneberg (US) 8-4, 7-5 Doubles: T Woodbridge and M 8-4, 7-5 Doubles: T Woodbridge and M Woodbride (Aus) bt M Knowles (Sah) and R Reach (US) 6-2, 6-2, Women: Strigles: K Date (Japan) bt A Frazier (US) 7-5, 6-4.
BARCELONA: Men's tournament: Singles: Semi-linals: M Rice (Chile) bt J Courier (US) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; T Muster (Austria) bt C Moye (Sp) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Pinal; Muster bt Rice 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
PAGET. Bermuda: Man's bt Rice 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 8-1.
PAGIET. Bermuda: Men's tournament:
Open: Semi-finals: Singles: M Washington
(USI bt M Zabaleta (Ang) 6-4, 7-6: M Rispoini
(Unuguay) br J Frana (Ang) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Doubles: J Apall (Swe) and B Haygarth
(SA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; P Cash and C van Rensburg
(SA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; P Cash and P Ratter
(Aus) bl N Lapenth (Ecuador) and S Touzil
(Gar) 7-6 6-4.
EDINBURGH: SLTA Scottish Reebook tourevent: Finals: Men: N Weal (Hants) bt R
Matheson (Whitercaps) 7-5, 7-4, Woment J
Putin (Susses) bt J Ward (Northernberland)
3-6,6-0,6-0.

#### **GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD**

TODAY FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7:30 unless stated " denotes all-ticket match Valoriali Conference Kidderminster v Stevenage (7.45) ... Southport v Macclesfield (7.45) .... ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Car-

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UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Byth Spartans v Hyde Premident's Cup: Final, first leg: Guiseley v Worksop.

AVON RISURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Charlon, Bristol Rovers v Oxford Unised: Chelsea v Norwich (at Kingstonian FC, 7.0); Crystaf Palace v Oueers Park Ranger (at Ouwich Hamilet FC, 7.0), Millwell v Luton (7.0); Swindon v Ipswich (at Wilney Town, 2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bernangham v Manchester United PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham v Manchester United
(7 0). Newcastie v Botton (at Gahahead FC,
7.0). Whenhampton v Blackburn (at
Telford FC, 7.0). Second division: Asion
Vita v Bradford (7.0). Manchestar Cay Port
Vale (at Widon Abion FC, 7.0): Presion v
Middlesorough (7 0)
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Pramier
division: Wordhach v Cravdon. division: Woolwich v Croydon.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First chision: Maine Road v Newcastle Town.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE.

Premier division: Sheffield v North Femby WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE First CRICKET

County match 11 Q. 50 overs OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire V Yorkehro
Yorkehro
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Christophology
England A v The Rest University matches 11 0 to 6 30, final day of three FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Derbyshire 11 30 to 6 30, second day of three

THE PARKS: Oxford University v SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three Bristol: Gloucestershire v Leiceste shire. Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire. Knowle and Dornldge: Warwickshire Derbyshire. Second day of three: Tauntor Somerset v Notenghamshire

OTHER SPORT BOXING: Commonwealth cruiserweight charopionship: Chris Okoh (Croydon, holder) v Paul Gergory (Aus), British super-feetherweight championship (vecam) P J Gellegher (Wood Green) v Davey McHale (Glasgow) (Crystal Palace National Sports Centre) RACING: Brighton (2.0): Hexham (2.20): Notinghem (2.10) SNOOKER: Embassy World Champ-ionship (Crucible Theaire, Sheffield). SPEEDWAY: Premier League Exeter v Bradford (7.30), Reading v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30); Walverhampton v London

(7.30). TENNIS: LTA women's satelité tournan (Edinburgh). TOMORROW

FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
UNDER-21 MATCH: England v Croatia (at
Roker Park, Sunderland, 7-45).
PUDSLEGH RNSURANCE LEAGUE: First
division: Port Vale v Luton (7-45); Westord v
Grimsby (7-45). Second division: Burnley v
Bristol Rovers. Caristia v York (7-45);
"Chesterfield v Swendon (7-45); Notis
County v Brighton (7-45); Odord United v
Strewsbury (7-45); Rotherham v Stockport,
Walself v Hull (7-45); Third division: Chester v Northampton, Hereford v Darlington Mansfield v Torquay (7.46), Scunthorpe v Doncaste VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Altricham Stalybridge (7.45), Runcom v North (7.45), Welling v Kettering (7.45)

RUGBY UNION HEINEKEN LEAGUE; First division; Porty-pridd v Newbridge (7.0). OTHER SPORT PACING: Chapstow (2.10): Folkestone (2.0), Pontetroct (2.20)
SNOOKER: Embassy World Champonchip (Cruotha Theatre, Sheffield)
TENNS: LTA women's satelite lournament (Edinburgh)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England v Crostia (af Wembley, 6 ti). Czech Republic v Ireland (at Prague). Denmark v Scotland (at Parker Stadoum, Copenhagen, 75). Northern Ireland v Sweden (at Windsor Park, Belfast). Switzerland v Wales (at Comeredo Stadium, Lugano, 7 15). VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead

Spallbing CUP: Final, first leg: Maccles-field v Bromsgrove (7.45). RUGBY UNION COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Leicester v Gloucester (7.45). HEINERÉN LÉAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Newport (7 0). CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff v Pontypool (7 15), Cerdiff Inst v Newport (7.0) CRICKET

UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day) The Parks, British Universities v Warwickshire

OTHER SPORT

ionsing (Chucine Ineaure, president).

SPEEDWAY: Premer League. Cradley Heath and Stoke v Wolverhampton (7.30). Long Eaton v Ipswinch (7.30). Poole v Oxford (7.30). Scottish Monarchs (at Glasgow) v Reading (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: First Tourid, first leg: Hull v Middlesbrough (7.30). A women's satette tour

THURSDAY FOOTBALL VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stalybridge **RUGBY LEAGUE** 

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Whitehaven (7.30) OTHER SPORT RACING: Beverley (2.10): Fontwell Park (2.20) Perth (2.0) (2.3.) Partit 2.0. SNOOKER: Embassy World Champ-conchip (Crucible Theatin, Sheffield) SPEEDWAY: Premer League. Ipswich v Sheffield (7.30); London v Cradier Heath and Stoke (7.30). Speedway Star Cup. First round, second leg: Middlesbrough v Hull (7 30)

TENNIS: LTA women's salelite (curname (Edinburgh) FRIDAY FOOTBALL ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Sec and division: Bradford v Brentford (7.45) CRICKET

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benson Anu niebbes cur (one day). The Parks, British Uninvarsites v Kent, Chesterfield Derbyshira v Durhem, Cardiff Glamorgan v Essex, Bristol Gloucester-stre v Suesex Southampton Hempshie v Ireland Old Trafford Lancashire v Minor Counties; Lord's, Middlesex v Somerset Edobastion: Wannickhira v Leicestershire.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation
bentamweght champtonship Robble
Regan (Wales) v Daniel Jiminez (P Rico,
holder) (Cardith

RACING: Sandown Park (2.0). Carlisle (2.10). Ludlow (5.45). Perth (2.20). Taunton (5.30). SNOOKER: Embassy World Champ-ionship (Crucible Theatre, Shelfield) sorsing (chaddle ineade, shemed)
SPEEDWAY; Premier League: Belle Vue v
London (7:30), Speedway Star Cup First
round, first leg Oxford v Swindon (7:30),
Second round, first leg Peterborough v
Coventry (7:30)
TENNIS: LTA women's satelile loumament

SATURDAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 3 0 unless stated FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Asion Villa

Manchester City. Blackburn v Avenal, Boton v Southampton: Liverpool v Middles-brough; Queens Park Rangers v West Ham, Sheffield Weghesday v Eventon, Tottenham v Chelsen; Wimbledon v Coventry. ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First Givision: Corrective v Transpers \*1 Investments. division: Grimstry v Tranmere, "Lacestor Birmingham, Luton v Barnsley, Milwati Stoke, Norwich v Watford, Port Vale Stoke, Norwich v Watford, Port Vale v Chestion, Portsmouth v Ipswich, Reading v Sheffield United, Southend v Oldham, Sunderland v West Bromwich, Wohenhampton v Huddersheld Second division: Biadpool v Walsall, Bournemouth v Chesterfield, Bradford v Brentford, Brighton v York Bristol Caly v Rotherham, Crewe v Oxford United, Notis County v Swanseat; Peterborough v Hulf Shrewsbury v Swindon Stockport v Bristol Rowers Weethern v Bunley Wycombe v Califsle, Third division; Cardil v Heroford "Darlington v Chester, Donosster v Wigan Exciter v Buny.

Fulham v Gillingham; Hartiepool v Preston, Leyton Onent v Barnet, Mansfield v Cotchester; Northamption v Lincoln, Rochdele v Plymouth, Southorough v Scintorpe, Torquey v Cambridge United VALDHALL CONFERENCE: Beth v Almichiam, Degenham and Red v Macclesfield; Galeshead v Bromsgrove, Hednestord v Sough; Koddarminster v Famborough, Northwidth v Wolding, Runcom v Tellord, Southport v Dover, Slevenage v Morecambe
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier

Stevenage v Marecambe
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier
division: Falkrik v Hibernian, Hearts v
Kimamock: Partick v Cettic; Ratth v
Mothenvell First division: Arche v Dundee
Cydebenk v Hemitton, Dumberton v Greenock Morton; Dundee United v Durnternlane, St Johnstone v St Mirrer Second
division: Ayr v East File, Forfar v Clyde;
Queen Ol South v Montrose, String v
Berwick, Stramper v Sterhousemur, Tirrid
division: Albon v Alloa, Bractun v Caley
This, Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park; Livingston v Artivoatth, Ross County v East Strling

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP:
First division: Bath v Sair: Gloucaster v
Sanacens, Leicaster v Hariequins, Orrel v
Bratol, West Hanlepool v Wasps Second
division: London Irish v Newcastle London
Scothah v Northampton: Mosoley v
Blackheeth, Northampton: Mosoley v
Blackheeth, Northampton: Mosoley v
Blackheeth, Northampton: Pediord, Waterioo v Welkefield: Third division: Fylda v
Fichmond, Morley v Harrogsto, Reading v
Fichmond, Morley v Harrogsto, Reading v
Fluchy Fourth division: Evider v London
Welsh, Leeds v Havant, Plymouth v
Aspatra, Reduth v Ctiflon Welsell v
Liverpool St Helens,
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Abertillery v Swansoa (2 30), Bridgend v Ebbry
Vale (2 30): Neath v Llandii (2 30); Newbridge v Aberavon (2 30), Newpon v Cardifi
(2 30): Portypridd v Treorchy (2 30). Second division: Bonymeen v Abercynon

(2.30), Durvant v Llanharen (2.30), Llandovery v Maesteg (2.30): Pontropol v Vsbadgyrias: (2.30); South Wales Police v Caerphilly (2.30): Tenby Utd v Cross Keys (2.30) (2.30)
INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE:
First division; Genyowen v Young Munster
(2.30); St Many's College v Cork Constitution (2.30). Second division: Wanderers v Malone (2:30). Second division: Wanderers v Malone (2:30). CLUB MATCH: High Wycombe v Rouen

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP. Final: Bredford Bulls v St Herens (at Wernbley, 2:30). OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Scottish Women's strokeptay champtonship (Royal Troon), RACING: Sandown Park (2.15); Merket Rasen (2.10): Laloaster (2.0); Ripon (2.05); Workeshampton (AW, 7.0); Worzester (5.45). (5 45).

SNOCKER: Embasay World Champlonship (Crucible Treative, Shefflold).

SPEEDWAY: World under-21 champsmaltip: British final. Savndon (7.30)

Premier League. Bradford v Middlesbrough
(7.30), Eastbourne v Sheffleid (7.30). (7.30), Eastbourne v Shelfield (7.30). TENNIS: LTA women's satelite lournament

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester
United v Notingham Forest 14 (i)
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Pirst
division: Derby Crystal Palace
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove v
Notinskch (12 0); Weiking v Macclesheld
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier
divisions: Panciers v Abaccleshe Ivision: Pangers v Aberd

CRICKET BENSON AND HEDGES CUP jone day): Fenner's: British Universities v Glamorgan; Chairmsford. Essex v Middlesex, Madd-stone: Kent v Somersel, Old Treliotot-Lancashre v Durham, Lekester. Lekester shre v Derbyshie; Jesmond: Minor Coun-ties v Warwickshire; Trent Bridge-Nottinghamshire v Scotland: The : Ova: Surrey v Hampshire; Hove: Susser v Ireland: Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire

OTHER SPORT: AMERICAN FOOTBALL World League: Scottlan Claymores v Ameterdam (Murraynesu).
GOLP: Scottish Women's strokeplay championship (Royal Troon).
MOTORCYCLING: World superblee championchip (Donington Park). SNOOKER: Embassy World Chemp-lonship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield). SPEEDWAY: World chemplonship: British Final: Coverity (6.30). TENNIS: LTA women's salelite tourns (Edinburgh): LTA spring restellite nament (Queenswood).

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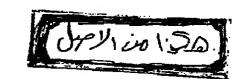
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### Political postures in the stand form backdrop to Twickenham try spree

# Sella makes the world of difference

World XV .....40

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By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A DAY and a match bathed in sunshine makes a pleasani change for the Rugby Football Union (RFU) these days. For once they could leave the stage to the players who contested the first Sanyo Cup. Leicester representing the English first division against an interna-oonal XV culled mainly from those not contracted to the southern-hemisphere Super 12 tournament.

Yet, even at Twickenham yesterday, the political nu-ances remained. Leicester are one of the leading clubs in dispute with the RFU; Peter Wheeler, their chief executive, occupied one end of the committee podium while, at the other, sat Cliff Brittle, chairman of the RFU executive committee and perceived by the clubs as the chief sturnbling block to progress.

Between them sat Bill Bish-op, the RFU president, upon whose mediation so much depends. Not that the 31,700 crowd - 24,000 more than watched the county championship final 24 hours earlier -was worried too much about the symbolism. A carefree day, two teams uninhibited by league pressures or cup cares and II tries to celebrate.

That Leicester lost is neither here nor there. They benefit by £50,000 from the sponsorship. plus their share of the receipts, which will be divided among all the first-division clubs. More significantly, they escaped without injuries, which. considering their matches with Gloucester on Wednesday and Harlequins on Satur-

day, was a relief. They conceded the match by making six changes during the second half, to preserve their most important players for sterner tasks. Thus a 26-12 interval advantage dwindled in a second half dominated by



An attacking thrust by Humphreys, centre, of the World XV, is halted in its tracks by the combined might of Kardooni, left, and Liley

the World XV, whose morale was lifted by the enthusiasm of Pichot, the Argentinia scrum half, Latu, of Japan, and the New Zealand forward, Jamie Joseph, who played the only way his countrymen know - hard.

The game was played under the oew experimental laws that have been in place since the start of the southernhemisphere season, the most important being the one that keeps the back row bound at

Steve Hackney set the tooe

within four minutes, taking an inside pass from Malone and carving through the midfield before arcing back to the right, out of reach of Yoshida. For a few glorious mlnutes. Leicester played the 15-man rugby of which their critics say they are incapable. Tarbuck was released by Liley's long pass and Richards scored the most popular of tries after Johnson displayed football skills that would not have

shamed Leicester City. Thierry Lacroix sustained a damaged hamstring trying to

ston the England lock and was carried off. Since the France centre has a relegation game to play for Dax against Lourdes next weekend, and is on the verge of signing a threeyear contract with Natal, coming into effect when Dax's season ends, he will not be the

happlest of men. Potter lanced through the middle but Serevi and Cabannes kept the guests in touch. Though Tarbuck's second try stretched the Leicester comeback. Townsend sent the former France centre away and, where their captain went, Joseph, from close range, and Pichot, from a distance,

Tony Underwood, somewhat unkindly, put in the lastgasp tackle that denied his former club a try through Robinson and finally Serevi presented Matsuda with the closing touchdown.

SCORERS: Leloester: Tries: Tarbuck (2), Hackney, Richards, Potter Conversions; Liley (3). World XV: Tries; Seren, Cabennes, Sella, Joseph, Pichot, Malsuda.

Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cookenit, O Gardonin, C Tarbuck, M Jichmson, M Poole, N Back, O Richards, Kardooni replaced by J Herniton (40min), Cockenit replaced by J Well (51); Richards replaced by J Well (61); Richards replaced by J Well (61); Likey replaced by J Harris (62); Hackney replaced by A McAdam (64), Gartorth replaced by D Jeiley (74).

WORLD XV: W Serewl (Fili); T Undenwood (England), P Sella (France), T Lacrobx (France), Y Yeshida (Japan), G Townsend (Scottand), G Bachor (New Zeeland); N Popplewell (Ireland), J Humphroys (Wales), P Patialofa (Western Samoal, I Macdonald (South Africa), O Llewellym (Weles), O Jones (Wales), L Cabennes (France), J Joseph (New Zeeland), Lacrox replaced by G Johnson (South Africa, 25); Yoshida replaced by T Melsude (Japan, 40); Bachop replaced by J Melsude (Japan, 40); Macdonald replaced by R Martin (Argentina, 40); Cabannes replaced by S Laiu (Japan, 40), Humphreys replaced by M Regan (England).

# **Bracken rises** above malaise to lift Bristol

BY DAVID HANDS

SOME weeks ago, Mark Evans, the Saracens coach, opined that 12 points would grant immunity from relega-tion from the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship. On Saturday, he watched as Bristol achieved that target, though whether their post-match euphoria was entirely justified remains a

matter for conjecture. Perhaps, when you have not won a league match since November 4, joy can be unconfined: perhaps, in the uncertainty which surrounds the league structure (the Rugby Football Union says there will be relegation, the senior clubs say there will not), it is better to be safe than sorry and, barring a shock result by Gloucester at Leicester on Wednesday, Bristol are now

But it was a desperate affair, fought out by two clubs low on confidence and unable to inject any pace or vision, at a Memorial Ground in the process of refurbishment, Kyran Bracken was the exception to the general malaise and, had his colleagues possessed more of the England reserve scrum half's strength and wit, victory might not have come as such an almighty relief. In the first half of this season, Bracken was burdened by minor injuries and lost his internacional place: now he looks sharp and, iust as he did against Leicester the previous week, danced over for an important try just before the interval.

Indeed, Bristol's four internationals gave them a solid core, even though the selection of Garath Archer may have provoked mixed feelings. Archer is on his way to Newcastle and, depending upon the outcome of the meeting of the Gloucestershire disciplinary committee tonight, may be on his way to an enforced rest from the game. To the two yellow warning cards which have brought him before the committee, he added one for stamping on the recumbent Tony Copsey. He also acquired one in France.

Until Archer can discipline himself better, he will remain much raw potential," Brian Hanlon, the Bristol director of coaching, said. "But I feel he has made a mistake moving. He won his [England] cap playing in the first division. while Martin Bayfield lost the place playing for the best team in the second division [Northampton]. I feel Garath has handed his international jersey back to Bayfield,"
Hanlon returns to his native

have acquired significant rep-resentative honours and recruited well during his three years. The virtual certainty, by anyone's criteria, of first-divi sion rugby next season should help his successor, Alan Davies, to settle negotiations over

contracts.
That Saracens trailed 10-0 in the first half was at once a travesty of justice, given their territorial dominance, and a condemnation of their inability to score points. Three times Gareth Hughes, who missed six assorted kicks at goal against Bath a week earlier, lined up penalties which resolutely refused to find their target — the first, agonisingly, hit a post.

Evans can only shrug his shoulders and acknowledge that, having won games earlier this season on the back of goalkicking, his players are now unable to do so. It is no consolation to know that, next season, the world's greatest international points accumulator, Michael Lynagh, will be



Bracken: important try

on the club's books; assuming that relegation exists, Sara-cens must beat Gloucester at the Kingsholm cockpit in five days' time to have a chance of avoiding it.

Bristol, having chiselled out 13-0 lead, contrived to let Saracens back into the game when Knibbs and the Tongan, Tiueti, dithered over a rolling ball and allowed Hill to drive over for a try which Singer. taking over from the hapless Hughes, converted. But Tainton rubbed salt into their wounds by landing his third penalty and Regan rewarded the long-suffering Bristol with a try quality after the seemingly ageless Knibbs had made the overlap.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Bracken, Regan

BRISTOL: R Knibbs, B Bredze, S Martin, H Maggs, O Tiueti, M Tamion, K Bracken, J Sharp, M Regan, O Hinlans, M Comy, H Adams, G Archer, 1 Daon, E Rolliti. SARACENS: M Singer: K Chesney, J Buckon, S Ravenscrott, M Gregory, G Hughes, B Davies, G Holmes, G Botterman, S Wilson, E Helvey, M Burrow, A Copsey, R Hit, A Djorose Copsey replaced by M Langley (79mn)

Referee: N Coustn's (London)

# Bath take advantage of Orrell's ground stroke

BY CHRISTOPHER INVINE WIGANERS shopped on Saturday, паррцу о Courage League champions-elect. News of the Russian grain harvest would probably figure higher on their list of priorities. Yet, if the roles were reversed, would local people

pack the Recreation Ground for a

game of rugby league? Just as Wigan supporters will travel to the ends of the earth, Bath followers journeyed off the rugby union map to Central Park. For company they had a committed few from Orrell and, conspicuous by the cherry-and-white shirts, about a doz-

en curious Wigan rugby league supporters – a feeble 2,650 all told, who could have comfortably fitted into Edge Hall Road, six miles away. When the mountain comes and Muhammad cannot be bothered, it is

time to put the experiment down to dent's welcoming message, complaints filled the programme about the Leicester match at Wigan last month, when the Grand National and Wigan's first Super League game were blamed for a crowd of 3.637.

Revenue from sponsorship packages is all very fine, except that again Wigan's rugby league public voted with their feet. Orrell forfeited the advantage of a home that opposing sides hate, slope and all, and which is homelier, more atmospheric and

more intimidating than Central Park's wide, flat surface, on which Bath indulged themselves. As with Leicester, the switch played into the

visitors hands.

The money-spinning cross-code challenge matches with Batti next

Full results and league tables ...... .... Page 36

month have excited the Wigan public far more, so much so that the club bas threatened legal action against Twickenham for halving the ground capacity to 37,500 on May 25, citing local rail works, which Bath estimate could cost them £200,000.

Bath's players were surprised by the pace with which Wigan overran

Bradford the previous night in mugging-up for the first match, under league rules at Maine Road on May S, and the Wigan team looked for tips from Bath's close-quarters mauling and quick recycling, by Robinson. in particular, that left Orrell exposed. Not that Brian Ashton, the Bath

coach, is looking that far. "It's difficult to get our minds round that. The league and cup are very much our priorioes," he said. "The ball is now in our court. What we've got to do is make sure we don't do something stupid like we did in losing to Sale at home last season."

A steadier nerve on Sale's visit next Saturday and an 85-point differential to the good over Leicester - thanks to six tries, including two apiece for the irrepressible Haag and the impressive Sleightholme, on Saturday -

should help Bath to wrap up their sixth Courage Clubs Championship title in nine seasons.

Nicol and de Glanville, originator and scorer of the best try, added to the large tally. The only pity was that Catt did not get the cream of a purred effect in a No 10 jersey that must now be his for keeps.

SCORERS: Orreit: Try: Wynn Penalty goats: Mason, Hisaley Bath: Tries: Hazig (2), Sleighthotme (2), Nicol, de Glamitle, Conversions: Callard (4) Penalty goals: Callard (2).

ORSELL: S Mason, I Wynn, L Turgemala, P Johnson, G Smith: A Pascock, A Hesley, P Winstanley, M Scott, R Rawinson, J Hudey, C Cusant, P O'Neit, T Woods, P Manley Meson replaced by S Taberner (29min). Scott replaced by A Mollatt (70); Mankey replaced by P Anglessa (68).

BATH: J Catland, J Steightholme, P de Glamville, A Adebayo, A Lumsden, M Catt, A Nicot: K Yates, S Dawe, J Mallett, A Robinson, M Haeg, N Redmen, S Ojomoh, E Peters, De Glanville replaced by A Webber (47).

New Zealand early next

# Sorry West down and out

West Hartlepool ......12

By PETER BILLS

GREATER contrast would have been possible between two teams at the end of this final home game of Wasps' season. The starkly differing fortunes of two clubs, one on its way to elite European competition, the other into Courage League division two and a substantial rebuilding exercise, were sad to see. Wasps' comprehensive vic-

tory, an eight-try spectacular, was achieved without them ever being hugely impressive. That was what made West's plight even worse.

West have had the heart torn out of their club, with 20 players departing at various times this season, and had

four youngsters making their league debuts on Saturday. Their chairman, Philip Yuill, who retains his ambioons for the club, concedes: "It

has been a difficult winter." Yuill insists the rebuilding work will be tackled with energy. Kevin Moseley, the former Wales lock forward, is due to join Mark Ring at the club in a player-coach role, and Matthew Silva is another imminent arrival from Wales. Many more will be needed.

In contrast, there is already undoubted talent at Sudbury. Roiser is a fast, skilful wing who would have scored many more than his two tries against West had he not been starved of possession for long periods. Wasps preferred to use their back row to gain ground rather than spread ball down the back line. Wasps scored 26 points in

the opening 24 minutes and the highest ever Courage League score of 91 points seemed attainable. However, they lost shape and composure as their play became too

Wasps did not score for more than half an hour in the middle of the match, but late tries for Gregory, Molloy and Greenwood emphasised their crushing superiority.
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Wood, M Thompson, C Lee, R Thompson,
T Knowles, O Patierson; P Lancaster, T
Herbert, P Whitelock, G Wappett, C Murphy,
K Westparth, T Boyd, P Evans, Lee raplaced
by O Evans (77); Knowles replaced by O
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not materialise.

Lyn Jones, one of the club settled the outcome.

grace in recent weeks. Even so, they should have shown a more steely resolve than to allow both Cardiff and Pontypridd to score over a halfcentury of points each against them. Neath must have thought they could do the same. But it did not turn out that way, although for a while it looked as if it might. Neath scored two fine tries

in the first ten minutes. If fingertip passing of the high-est order from their threequarters set up the position, it was a powerful drive from the lineout close to the Swansea line which gave John Davies the first of his two tries. Some deft handling again, from Leigh Davies and Woodland.

carved the space for Geraint

Evans to score. In between,

Aled Williams kicked a penal-

ty for the bome side. While Neath were speedy and inventive, Swansea were more cautiously old-fash-ioned. Arnold was in fine form in the lineout while Jones and Williams at half back carefully chose where to place their kicks. Time and again Williams frustrated the visitors with his long punts to the corners. By half-time he had succeeded with two more penalties and Eyros Evans. the hooker, had scored a try to

give Swansea the lead. After John Davies had within a point at one stage.

Neath are now level on points with Cardiff at the top

SCARERS: Swanseer: Tries: Boobyer, E Evans. Conventions: Williams. Penelty goels: Williams (3). Neath: Tries: J Davies (2), Evans. Conventions: Bridges (2). Penelty goels: Bridges (2). SWANSEA: R Boobyer, A Hents, M Tsylor, O Weatherly, S Davies: A Williams, R Jones; K Colclough, E Evans, C Amthony, C Chanss, P Amold, M Evens, A Reynolds, S Davies.



# At a Service **Near You**

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people who attend, the style of the worship. the quality of preaching and anything that particularly strikes her, even the coffee. As the daughter of an Anglican

clergyman, Gledhill has been attending church regularly since childhood and the experience of visiting so many has had an impact on her own faith.

I began the series as a churchgoing

Anglican with fairly traditionalist views." she says. "The experience has made me more liberal in belief and more open to the joy and movement that comes with

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#### Counties in twilight zone afford to stage what was once

Gloucestershire.....17 Warwickshire.....13 By Nicolas Andrews

THE county championship will take place again next season. Indeed, the draw for the first round of matches has already been made, so, in these uncertain times for rugby union, one can find some solace in that. But an era surely came to an end with this 96th final at Twickenham.

Gloucestershire, the new champions, will be chasing a record seventeenth title next year, but without their leading players. Club contracts will mean few are free to play relatively meaningless representative rugby such as this. The Rugby Football Union must also doubt whether it can

so prestigious a final at a ground that was barely onetenth full. Yes, this was amateurism's last stand, and only 7,500 people seemed to care. Devalued tournament or

not, winning clearly mattered to the Gloucestershire players, who withstood a Warwickshire second-half revival Stanley, the Gloucestershire captain, peeled off the back of a lineout for a try after five minutes. With 32 minutes gone. Pattern punched a hole in the Warwickshire defence before Davis burrowed over. Gallagher, the stand-off balf, represented Warwick-

shire's best chance of recovery.

The pack finally got on terms,

prompted by some mighty kicks from their No 10. Warr

scored the Warwickshire try

after four tapped penalties on

the deficit to four points. Smith can retire a happy man if Gloucester survive relegation. However, Gloucestershire could have done with out the full back's three missed

penalties in the second half.

SCORERS: Gloucestermhire: Tries: Stan-ley, Davis Conversions: Smith (2). Penalty goal: Smith: Warwickshine: Try: Warr. Conversion: Gallagner. Penalty goals: Gallagner (2). Conversion: Galagher. Penalty goals: Galagher (2).
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: T J Smith (Gloucester). J R Pennins (Gloucester). O A Edwards (Beny Hill), I Osborns (Gloucester). O Morgan (Cheltenham); R J Mills (Lydney), J Davis (Lydney), R J Phillips (Cheltenham), N O Neimes (Lydney), S A Ealdwin (Gloucester Old Boys). A Knox (Lydney), T M Clint (Cheltenham), J Brulin (Cheltenham), I A A Stanley (Gloucester, captain), I S Patian (Covertry). WARWICKSHIRE: AR Parton (Hanley); J S Minshulf (Kenilworth), M Curtis (Covertry), M W Paimer (Rugby), O Watson (Rugby), M Wast (Sale); G J Tragigas (Covertry, captain), R J Burdett (Rugby), S T Reven (Rugby), M R Etis (Rugby), S J Tiersen (Rugby), M S Fourtains (Brastol). Ets reptaced by A Ruddlesoft (Long Buckey, 69 Thire).

61 minutes. Gallagher then cut

# purpose for Neath

Safe option serves

By GERALD DAVIES

NEATH gained an extra boous point for the three tries they scored but came close to losing the two league points they eventually received for winning the match. With one eye on the other clubs who are chasing the Heineken League title, Neath allowed themselves to be distracted before they had actually woo the

Twice in the middle of the second half, when they were leading by only 19-14, they were awarded penalties in front of the posts some 20 metres out, but chose to attempt intricate manoeuvres involving a quick pass from scrum half to hooker, followed by a dummy here and a pass there, meant to carve openings for tries which did

coaches, was beside himself on the touchline. In a frenzy of gesticulations he indicated they should simply settle for the three points. For the next couple of penalty chances that came their way. Neath decided to take the easy option and Bridges kicked the goals that

Swansea, with a catalogue of injuries. have fallen from

scored his second try, the match developed into a battle for forward supremacy with Neath finally gaining the upper hand, even though Boobyer's try, converted by Williams, brought Swansea

of the division, but they hold a marginal advantage, having scored two more tries this

Davies
NEATH: G Davies; C Higgs, L Davies, H
Woodland, G Evans, P Williams, C Bridges;
L Gerrard, B Williams, J Davies, C Scott,
Glyn Uewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn, R Jones, S
Williams, S Williams replaced by A Kembury

Inspired by bowmen at Agincourt, Christian Dymond gets his eye in at archery

# The aim of the game



An experienced archer loosing arrows from 70 metres, the maximum distance for women. The priority for beginners is to hit the target as quickly and as often as possible



hether it's begin-ner's luck or the inspiration that W day of watching Henry V on television leading the troops at Agincourt I'll never know, but the first arrow I ever loose hits the target smack in the middle. Bull's eye!" I shout. "Gold." corrects Mike Stanley, who is

coach to the juniors in the

Northern Counties Archery

Society. Learning a new sport

guage. By the end of the day nocking points, lower limbs, piles and centre servings are as familiar to me as to Robin Hood and William Tell.

The English archers at Agincourt in 1415 triumphed over the French with longbows. I am using what is called a recurve or an Olympic-style bow whose shape would have been familiar to the Mongols, Tartars and Persians. Standard length is

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

According to Fide, the World

Chess Federation. Garry

Kasparov has regained his place at the head of the

international rating list. The

leading ten ratings are as

follows: Kasparov 2781,

Karpov 2770. Kramnik 2761,

Ivanchuk 2744, Kamsky 2736,

Anand 2725, Topalov 2718,

Short 2684, Shirov 2683 and

Sokolov 2675. The highest female slot is for Judith

Polgar (also on 2675) and thus

Apart from Nigel Short the top British rafings are as follows: Michael Adams 2667, Jonathan Speelman

2618. John Nunn 2605, Tony Miles 2604, Marthew Sadler

2596 and Julian Hodgson

It is an indication of Brirish

strength and depth that seven

of the top 70 players are from the UK and that the reigning

British champion himself

Matthew Sadler, is preceded

on the list by five other British

aged 16 the world's youngest

grandmaster, is at slot 31 with a rating of 2627.

Over the Easter Break

Grandmaster Keith Arkell won the following fine

counter-attacking game against the former British

champion Julian Hodgson.

White: Julian Hodgson

Surrey Easter, April 1996

Black: Keith Arkell

**Brilliant** win

joint tenth overall.

**New ratings** 

number one priority is to get beginners to hit the target as quickly as possible and as often as possible," Stanley says. With an arm guard on my left arm, I approach the shooting line. The guard is there to protect against bruising from the string.

"As far as I'm concerned, the

After my first arrow I was on target for a maximum score but subsequent arrows failed to live up to expectations. I did the importance of

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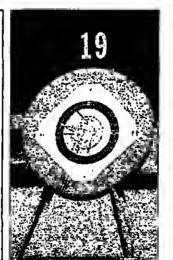
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grouping them which indicates consistency of shooting.
For obvious reasons safety is of prime importance in ar-

chery. Never draw the string back on the bow or shoot from any position except the shooting line, and when you've shot your arrows withdraw from the line and wait for a signal to collect them. If a dangerous situation develops, call "fast" and this stops all shooting immediately. Alcohol is banned from competitions.



Not bull's eye but gold

As instructed, I stand with one foot each side of the shooting line and my shoulder towards the larget ten metres away. Taking the bow by its throat with my left hand I set the back end of the arrow, the nock, into the string's nocking point with my right hand. The secret apparently is to stick your elbow out as you draw back the string in that slightly exaggerated fashion that some drinkers assume when raising a pint. Then, by rotating the shoulder blade back and keeping the three middle fingers of the right hand underneath the arrow, with the index finger close to my mouth. I'm ready

to shoot. With my dominant eye — here Stanley taps his right eye to remind me which one he's referring to - I look down the shaft of the arrow at the target of compressed straw and release the string. Because I'm not using sights I'm shooting what's known as "barebow three fingers under". Once you can hit the same spot time and time again, with a little tweak-ing of direction they could all be gold. Many people have the advantage of sights on their bow. There are stabilisers as well which point out from the front and sides of the bow and cut down its vibration on

shooting. According to the Grand National Archery Society, which is the national governing body of the sport, there are more than 1.100 archery clubs between the Shetlands and the Channel Islands. Another 64 clubs are specifically for the disabled. "This is very much a sport for all: all ages, all the family and all levels of ability." John Middleton, chief

executive of the GNAS, says. "You can take it up at any time

and put as much or as little as

you like into it." The sport itself is split into target and field archery. Distances between shooting line and target vary from 10-90 metres depending on ability. whether you're inside or outside and whether you're a

senior or junior. The Federation Internationale de Tir à l'Arc is the world governing body and organises major competitions and tournaments. "Anybody who thinks archery is a sport for softies should consider that in a Fita men's round you're walking three miles and carrying the equivalent of more than two tons on your shoulders," Stanley says. The load he's referring to is the 30-50lb draw weight you experience every time you pull back the

string. Field archery is the crosscountry version of the sport, where competitors progress around a number of targets in a similar way to a golf tournament. Most archers use recurve bows, which generally come in three sections, the bottom or lower limb, top limb and the centre section known as the riser - all secured by bolts. A top recurve bow can

Some archers shoot with a compound bow, known as a wheelie, which is smaller. With one pulley at the top and one at the boltom of the bow, the draw weight is considera-bly less. The Longbow Society perpetuates the use of the recreational longbow for larget shooting and clout shoot-ing where targets are on the ground some distance away.

ne of the most famous archery fam-ilies in the country is the Williamsons from Shropshire. Alison Williamson. 24. took up the sport at seven and will be the sole British archery lady at the Atlanta Olympics. At the Bar-celona Olympics she finished seventh. She won a scholar-ship to read social work at Arizona State University because of her archery. Her best all-time score is 1,326 points out of a possible 1.440. World record for outdoor target archery for women is 1,377. parents have been shooting the bow for 30 years. She is administrator of the British junior training squad, he is the British junior learn manager.

"There's no real secret to being a good archer. It's just a matter of how much you put into it." says Mrs Williamson, whose best figures are 1,173 out of 1,440.

Grand National Archery Society, 7th Street, National Agricultural Centre. Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LG (01203 696631). Brilish Longbow Society, 29 Batley Court, Oldland, Bristol BS15 5YZ (0117 9323276).

 Cost of equipment: recurve bow ESO-E7O. compound bow EISO-E3OO, box of 8 arrows £25, arm guard E5-E7, quiver EIO.

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Tonight, Channel 4's The Greatest gives you another chance in the series to vote for the Greatest British sporting fleet of them all. And your vote will count in more ways then one; because it could win you a pair of tickets to the European football championship or even the top prize of a rig to the Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson.

Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson.

The main aim of the 12-pair series is to bring some degree of scientific method to the companions so that a motor racing driver can be judged against a cricketer, a jockey against a cricketer. You probably won't be able to put askide your.

prejudices completely - we all have our heroes, and our favourite sports - but The Greatest will open your mand to exhibit each exhibit and personalities you may not otherwise have considered worthy of greatnes The cases for Jackie Stewart, Linford Christie, Booby Mod Torvill and Dean, Mary Rand, Ian Botham, Barry John, Hick

Faido, Steve Ovett and Bobby Chadion of the 20 shouldste have been stated. Each week two comanders are exemine and their relative ments discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of Total Sport and a guest celebrity (tonight it is John Total Sport and a guest celebrity (tonight it is John Prancome). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kernedy. The final show will give the results and declare The Greatest. snow will give me results and declare. The Greatest is screened on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30 m. and repeated on Saturdays at 10em. The sporting starting enamination tonight are Lester Piggott and Staven Refigures. Times writers give their appreciations to help your fudgments.

#### TONIGHT'S CONTENDERS



Sportsmen excel by their ability, addication, temperament or longer but a fusion of these qualities define the model competitor. Outrageously the income at birth, Lester Piggott deflect his natural weight to impose a dominance in horse racing spenning five decades. He was that rare: phenomenon: a child prodigy whose brilliance never waned. Pis was never a serene telent. Brashness characterised

LESTER PIGGOTT a youth that had little respect for his elders or the authorities. He rode on instinct and was mittle to his core: Trainers would vilify him in public only to re-employ him within weeks. It was one thing to desert him. another to have him riding against you. Piggott gamered a record nine Derbys by trusting his intuition.

Confronted by a large choice of rides, he invariably made the ingrit decision. Punters treasured Piggott's judgment, betting blindly on his mounts. He could calcile or bully, force the pace or come from behind. He was preoccupied only with getting the most from the horse under him. ...

An aura of mystery surrounded Piggott, which endorsed the public's perception of racing in general. He represented the human face of a largely untathomable sport, and popularise it like none before. However, his arrogance with the Inland Revenue cost him a jail term and the withdrawal of his OBE: Now retired, he does not serve racing in an ambassaorial



If the Olympic Games is the zenith of sporting excellence, no Briton has a better claim to be 'Une Greatest' thair better claim to be "the Greatest" than Steven Redgreve; He has already won rowing gold medals at three successive Games, a record no countrymen can match; in Attende this summer, he is expected to join the lefte band of competitors Al Derter, the

American discus thrower, Paul.

Elystrom, the Danish yachtsman, and
STEVEN REDGRAVE Aladar Gerevich, the Hungarian fencer,
who have won gold medals at four Games. Over the last 12 years, Redgrave has dominated a sport that may not be outstandingly popular in Britain but is still highly developed internationally and he has achieved these seets with a variety of partners in both fours and pairs.

A natural athlete, he would have excelled at many sports. However, because he was brought up in Marlow, by the Thames, rowing was a natural sport for someone of his size with long arms, body and legs. Redgrave has also the native risen to the occasion, being able to cope with being the .favourite in most of his competitions. If the pressure has been less intense externally than in more highly-publicised aports... Redgrave has always put extra pressure on firmself. He, expected to win and has shown a distinct sporting intelligence. In ensuring that he has learnt from partners and advisors. Redgrave has done this with so little flamboyance that he has. remained a person whose impact on the consciousness of the public has been less intense than it might have been

#### WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

You will be asked to score each sports personality in each of five categories. Each category carries a maximum of 20 points, so the total scores you give are out of a maximum of 100. The categories are:

Achievement - for honours won and overall record Dominance - for quality of opposition, longevity and domination of peers

Style - for performance, technique, sportsmanship and image Fortitude - for coping with pressure, will to win, self control and sporting intelligence.

Impact - charisma and transcendence

# THE PRIZES

Each week, Channel 4 and The Times will each be giving away a pair of tickless to the European football championship, courtest of Carlsberg, the official beer of Euro 96, 3 to the person who manages to match the

profiled sports personalities. In the event of a tie, a draw will take place. Ten runners up will each win a signed copy of Daley Thompson's book accompanying the series.

The Greatest (Boxtree, £14,99).

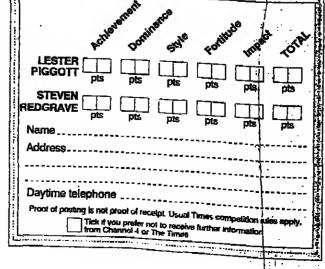
At the end of the series, all the weekly winners will have the chance to win the greatest prize of all - a trip to the Olympics with Daley Thompson.

#### HOW TO REGISTER YOUR VOTE

By telephone: You can call The Greatest phoneline, 0891 66 55 44

Lines are open from 9pm until midnight tomorrow and from 10am on Saturday, when the show is repeated, until hidright on Sunday. Calls cost 39p cheap rate, 49p at other times By post: complete The Times entry form and send tho

The Greatest Week 7, PO Box 1413, London N1 841 to arrive by noon on Friday.



# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent On this hand the defence get a ruff in a slightly unusual way. Love all

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West led the ien of diamonds against South's contract of Three Hearts. East won with the jack and cashed the ace. His choices seemed to be between switching to a spade and continuing with diamonds. The problem with switching to a spade was that even if his partner had, say, Jloxxx in the suit, along with a heart honour, a trick could be set up but, assuming declarer played trumps as soon as he got in. West would not have an entry to cash it.

So East continued with a third diamond at trick three, hoping to promote a trump trick for his partner. In good, helpful style, he chose his lowest card in the suit, suggesting to his partner that he had a preference for clubs over spades. Declarer discarded a

spade and the spotlight was now on West. He realised that his partner's three of dia-monds could only be suggest-ing that he held the ace of dubs - he surely couldn't be void for that would leave declarer with a six-card suit. West therefore discarded the nine of clubs on this trick. When declarer played a trump. West won, played a club to his partner's ace and received a club ruff for one

☐ For details of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge challenge. contact the event organisers on 0ISI-942 9506 or write to: Britannic Building, Beverley Way. New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ATTIC BIRD

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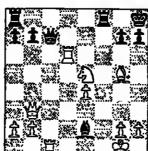
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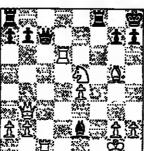
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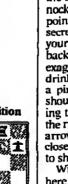
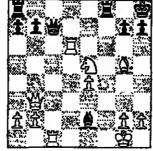


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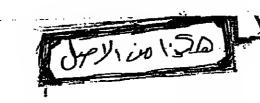
□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene

White to move. This week I continue my homage to the great attacking world champion Alexander Alekhine. This position is from the game Alekhine - Verlinsky, Odessa 1918. Although Alekhine is a piece ahead here, his opponent has set him some Incky problems. If he plays I Rxc7 Rf1 is mate, while both his rooks are threatened and the knight on e5 is also exposed (e.g. after I Ródl). How can White tidy up his scattered forces?







Introducing a three-page report, John Grigsby looks at plans to stem the exodus from city centres

**TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT** 

# Battle to save the heart and soul of the city

downtown management which starts in Coventry today is an ambitious review of the problems affecting so many cities in the developed world. More than 320 delegates, in-

cluding city and business lead-ers from Israel, Belgium, Port-ugal, Egypt, Hungary, Sene-gal, Japan, Trinidad, Saudi Arabia, Canada and New Zealand, are attending. Michel Sudarskis. the Secretary-General of the International Urban Development Association, based in The Hague, hopes the congress will persuade governments and businesses to place emphasis on the town and city centres.

The flight of people and businesses from the city centre and ways to prevent it will be its theme, and the congress will open with a keynote speech by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

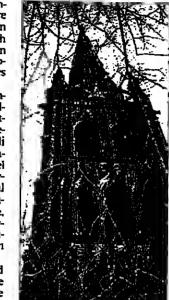
It is organised by the Association of Town Centre Management, the International Downtown Association and the tnternational Urban Development Association, which will examine the problems shared by cities and towns from Philadelphia to Johannesburg and from Malmo in Sweden to British market towns such as Gravesend and Ayr.

Until recently, many European governments placed the emphasis on the periphery of their towns and cities. M Sudarskis says, how-

ever, that "a sustainable city will be sustainable only if it starts from its centre. You cannot have a sustainable urban policy based on its periphery or subur-

ban areas." He believes that it is in the centre that experiments with partner-ships between the public and private sectors should take

M Sudarskis says: "It is a matter of collective action and collective decisions by the business community. people in the area and the local authority. Many city centres in Europe are facing acute prob-lems: the decline of the economic basis of the centre, including an excess of office space against the traditional mix of activities. You can see it in Spain, in France, in the UK. in Italy and in Northern Europe. What was until the 1950s the core of the city, the living and kicking flamboyant



Coventry: host of the world conference

part of the city, is in decline or is being deserted.

There are a lot of common issues. What is different is the way in which countries address the problem, to the UK it started with national policy. regeneration grants and all the city challenge grants which have been put in place by the Department of the Environment. The solution, so far, has been some sort of a city-centre manager on top of the local administration, with the power to co-ordinate the

The living and kicking part of the city is now in decline or is being deserted'

> input from different partners and different sectors.
> "In the rest of the European Union, the emphasis is not so much on management as on a series of integrated measures by different players. They could be the town council, in private sector or individual initiative. In France and Italy town councils and chambers of commerce - which are stronger than in the UK believe that by bringing back the proper mix of activities in terms of retailing, they will attract people back to the city

Richard Bradley, the president of the International Downtown Association, does not believe that European

way as the derelict city centres of America. "But we face common threats and we are finding a strong arsenal to deal with them. We are realising that when we contemplate a 21st-century economy, information technology, the arts, tourism, entertainment and sports are emerging as powerful forces for regeneration, both to attract and keep people in the city."

For example, Kalamazoo, Michigan, has created about 2,000 jobs — an increase of more than 30 per cent — by regenerating its own centre. One successful scheme has turned a defunct department store into a children's museum. Disney has moved into Times Square, New York, and turned an area that was once home to drug addicts and derelicts into an entertainment

The recent Monet exhibition is estimated to have brought \$250 million worth of business to downtown Chicago, says Mr Bradley. Not every town in the developed world can afford even a single Monet, let alone a Disneyland, or one of the North American sports stadiums that are being built near the centre of towns without special parking - contrary to the pattern in the UK - to encourage people into the centre at night.

However, Mr Bradley says: We do live in places where we have a sense of history and of the continuity of life,

and this is concentrated in the centre." Mr Gummer will argue that the British Government has acted to revitalise the centre by curbing the development of outof-town shopping although some argue that it a planner.

issued its relevant planning policy guidance after the damage had been done. However, the lesson from other parts of the world is that government. central or local, can do only so the Chemis Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury pioneered the idea of business involvement in town centre management in Britain: the Prudential and the National Westminster Bank are among a comparatively small oumber of large firms to follow their example. But, as this report suggests, if town centres are to survive, busi-

nesses of all sizes, particularly small businesses, must com-Boots, says: This survey



Harrow's £40 million St George's shopping and leisure centre that opens tomorrow: it features a cinema and family entertainment complex

# Success story just up your high street

for town centres have enabled stores to ride out both the recession and the impact of out-of-town shopping, according to a survey commissioned by Boots the Chemist, one of the pioneer companies in town centre management.

Boots and Marks & Spencer store managers reported that trading cooditions would have been much worse in more than two thirds of the managed towns if a scheme had not been in place.

The 22 high street retailers who took part in the survey found that sales in eight of the 14 managed ceotres performed "moderately" or "significantly" better than those in neighbouring towns with no management scheme, according to the report What's Happening in Our Town Centres?, by John Lockwood,

Stores in towns with an effective management scheme achieved 71 per cent higher takings than those in the other "control" towns. However. many schemes are hampered by a snortage of mooey and low level of support from local businesses. Mr Lockwood says. Only three of the 17 towns in the survey that had town centre management schemes in place for at least two years had signed up half the local businesses. Many schemes have fewer than 20 per cent of local traders supporting them.

Chris Hollins, the town centre support manager for

How managed shopping centres are fighting falling takings and competition from out-of-town stores

shows that stores and shops are likely to do better where businesses and the local council have got together to promote the town centre.

We also believe that both the local councils and the businesses and their chambers of commerce could do more to promote town centre management. Maoy of the smaller businesses apparently do not see why they should contribute to a town centre management scheme when the firm next door is not paying its share. This leads us to the conclusion that there

business improvement districts with a levy towards improving the centre." The survey is the most comprehensive of its kind ever carried out. Among those providing information were

national chains such as Boots,

should be some form of

centrally funded solution: pos-

sibly the movement towards

Burton, Marks & Spencer, Sainsburys, WH Smith, Woolworths, Dixons, Dolcis, Millets, Miss Selfridge, Olympus, Superdrug and Tandy. Data from 323 stores in 46

towns was provided. The centres that performed best gave priority to, or found oo significant problems with, access and parking. However, a third of store managers reported that takings are being damaged by access problems, parking charges roblems experienced by

towns in the South East and to the north and west of London, where the percentage of stores not keeping pace with inflation ranged from 73 to 96 per cent, and where there is also the heaviest conceptration of out-oftown and edge-of-town development, suggests, says Mr Lockwood, that the impact

Gravesend. out-of-town competition

has been "underestimated". Towns in Scotland, where out-of-town developments are less common, did much better than stores elsewhere in the UK. Two-thirds of Scottish stores recorded takings above the level of inflation and a third achieved takings 10 per cent or more above inflation. This may also reflect the higher disposable income in Scotland because of the low incidence of owner oc-

Falkirk, where about 70 new businesses have been created bringing in about £42 million worth of private sector investment over the past three years, is one of the most successful managed towns. Coventry, in the East Midlands and the scene of today's conference, is another such

the Midlands has three Wolverhampton, Derby and

managed towns in the sample are Halifax. Horsham and Other towns surveyed were Scotland: Dunfermline,

Nottingham. Other successfu

Motherwell. Ayr (managed). Greenock and Irvine. Midlands: Walsall and Stone-on-Trent. Yorkshire/Lancashire: Bradford, Huddersfield, Rochdale (managed), Wigan, Burnley. South Wales/ Severn Estuary: Bath, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff (managed), Swansea and Bristol. East Midlands: Northampton and Leicester. South Coast: Eastbourne (managed). Brighton and Folkestone. North & West of London: Reading (managed), Slough, Maldenhead, Hemel Hempstead (managed), St Albans and Luton. Southern: East Grinstead and Sevenoaks. M2 corridor. Gillingham, Chatham and Maidstone (managed).

 What's Happening in our Town Centres? Urban Management Initiatives is available from The Poplars, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield HD47PB, price ESO.

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- Futuretown, an innovative educational programme stressing the importance of town centres to children, has now been substantially revised and re-launched in 150 towns and cities throughout the UK.
- We also sponsor many of the 154 Town Centre Managers in the UK. As a founder member of the Association of Town Centre Management, Boots is pleased to be closely involved with the rapid progress enjoyed over the last year.
- In conjunction with Oxford Brookes University, Boots has published a paper on the requirements for Town Centre Managers, now recognised as the 'industry standard' to be used during recruitment and training processes.
- We contribute to ongoing research into future trends and management mechanisms, in association with the Department of the Environment.
- Our newly expanded Town Centre Planning team not only offer advice to many county, metropolitan and borough authorities, but also provide a comprehensive service to our store managers working in local partnerships.

As we move towards the 21st century, it becomes increasingly important for companies and organisations who have a stake in our town centres to help improve the quality of this environment. Boots The Chemists will continue to invest time, resource and money to increase the vitality of our urban communities, thereby helping to secure a better town life - for ourselves, our children and generations

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# Shape of things to come

Some edge-of-town and out-of-town schemes have left the centres in danger of dereliction, but recovery through improved towncentre management has begun supported by retail chains such as Sainsbury's. Marks & Spencer and Boots.

A nationwide survey, com-missioned by Boots, shows that out-of-town and suburban development has sucked more !rade from town centres in the South East than in any other region. Encouragingly, sales figures show high-street takings are healthier where town-centre management has operated. But most businesses remain uncommitted: many

David Rudnick looks at what top

retailers are doing to attract

shoppers back to town centres

schemes attract less than 20 per cent support.

More funding is certainly needed. Boots, the foundersponsor of the Association of Town Centre Management, is helping local authorities to finance the refurhishment of more than 70 centres. It is also spnnsoring Centre Vision, a lown-centre renewal programme run by the Civic Trust charity. This year's Boots-Civic Trust award for outstanding urban improvement has recently been given to Saltaire in West Yorkshire.

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A dozen town centres have been tackled by Centre Vision, including a £175 million regeneration plan for Brixton, south London. At Eccles in Lancashire, a private/public-sector partnership between the Civic Trust, Land Securities, Salford council, the Government and local business - including retailers - has revived a town centre threatened by the prospect of the Trafford Centre opening near by. Retailers can apply for local authority grants to upgrade their

revitalising Gillingham in Kent where, in response to customer pressure, short-stay car parking is being permitted in some former pedestrianonly areas. Other schemes are afoot in Huddersfield, Blackburn, Doncaster, Waisali and

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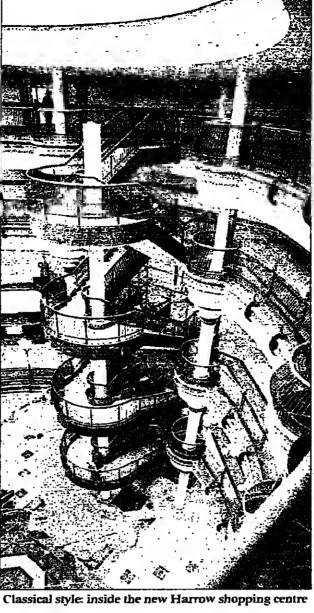
Boots Properties has invested £40 million in the St George's shopping and leisure centre which opens in Harrow tomorrow. Boots and Woolworths will be the biggest retailers in the centre, which will feature a family entertainment complex, described as the first of its kind in the UK. A nine-screen multiplex cinema will be a further attraction.

tan Coker, the manager of Harrow lown centre, expects the new centre to attract many more shoppers. "A number of people who live in Harrow don't shop here as regularly as we would like." he says. "St George's offers an ideal opportunity to attract people, not just for shopping but also for the leisure facilities."

Boots has formed a triple alliance with Sainsbury's and Marks & Spencer to build support for town-centre regeneration. Sainsbury's is the more recent recruit, but already it participates in more than 100 town-centre management projects throughout the UK, says How Williams, town planning manager of Sainbury's, "Some are pump-prim-ing schemes matched by pub-lic-sector input," he adds. "But finance is not the only factor involved. As retailers, our key contribution lies in giving local authorities a commercial perspective, since we understand how our customers view town centre amenities,"

Antony Rifkin, assistant head of the Civic Trust Regeneration Unit, broadens the point. "Local retailers are coming together to market and promote not only their stores but their town centre. They are not just leaving it to the local authority. Private sector can speak to private sector, they all appreciate the bonom line."

Marks & Spencer co-founded the Association of Town Centre Management (TCM) with Boots five years ago. when it began a "going to town" initiative to pursue TCM projects with local authorities and other retail partners. M&S commits El million



annually to promote TCM, and it has seconded store managers to act as town centre managers in Bristol, Newcastle upon Tyne. Oxford and

Liverpool. Roger Aldridge. M&S's store development director. says: "The company remains firmly committed not only to maintaining but to developing its town-centre business."

He cites the example of Newcastle, where M&S is engaged in the biggest city centre investment in its lustory, doubling the size of its local store, relocating a central street and building a new hus station for the city.

M&S collaborates with Boots and Sainsbury's in the Futuretown project, a pilot educational scheme to encourage schoolchildren to understand the issues facing their town centre. Catching them young is part of the strategy planned by the Town Centre Retail Group, which also includes Sears and WH Smith. Somerfield (formerly Gateway) is also joining in. Meanwhile, Tesco is open-

ing Metro stores, described by Mr Rifkin as smaller-scale supermarker branches, to meet the needs of city-centre office workers shopping dur-ing their lunchbreak or after office nours. This is a poten-tially important niche market.

He is optimistic that PPG6 and PPG13, the Government planning constraints, will soon be hampering further development of out-of-town sites, "Both stress a renewed focus on town centres for retailing," he explains, "So both are a direct - if belated fillip from the Government."

Attack is best line of defence

How 200 towns and cities are enlisting support to survive

The concept of town centre management has come a long way since the London borough of Redbridge appointed the first manager in 1987 to counter the threat to liford from the Lakeside shopping centre at Thurrock. John Grigsby writes.

There are now t50 town centre managers and 200 towns and cities have some form of management. Ilford remains buoyant. Cov-entry, Gravesend, Wolverhampton. Birmingham. Nottingham and Newcastle are among those which have successfully beaten back the challenge of the recession and new patterns of shopping.
Alan Tallentire.

businessman who is chairman of the Association of Town Centre Management, says: "Many of brought in as a defence mechanism. But the best form of de-

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Tailentire: sees a way forward

Tuwn centre landlords are nften criticised for looking only at rents rather than the health of the centre. But Graham Rolph, the director for property investment. Prudential Assurance, which owns 20 town centre complexes, is an enthusiastic supporter. "The initiative is often taken when one comes to refurbish a shopping centre." he says. "It's a defensive measure, quite often, and it takes a number uf years up to the next rent review before you can actu-

ally see the result in finan-The NatWest Group has

future of the town centre. Peter Armstrong, who heads the group's property portfolio, says: "We want to conserve and protect our businesses and our customers' businesses in the high sireet and we see town centre management as the way to do this."

NatWest has also supported the Government's homes over the shop" campaign and converted 100 properties in town centres nto flats. Some are the traditional bank manager's flat above the branch; others, as in Nottingham, are redundant offices.

Jonathan Baldock, associate with Hillier Parker, the property consultancy, says that the improvements

want are more better Counshops. cits and others involved in the town cenfre should change investors' and customers' per-ceptions of the town by effective marketing. The aim is to attract more customers simultaneously with investtnwn centre at-

tractions. But the Association of District Councils claims that present funding methods are inadequate. Mr Tallentire sees a way fordoorstep in where the council has placed the £1.3, million it maintenance and security in a private company to look after the commercial heart. It can thus raise money from the private sector to create a formal partnership in which counthe 1t places on the board.

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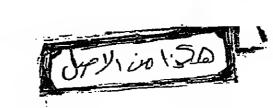
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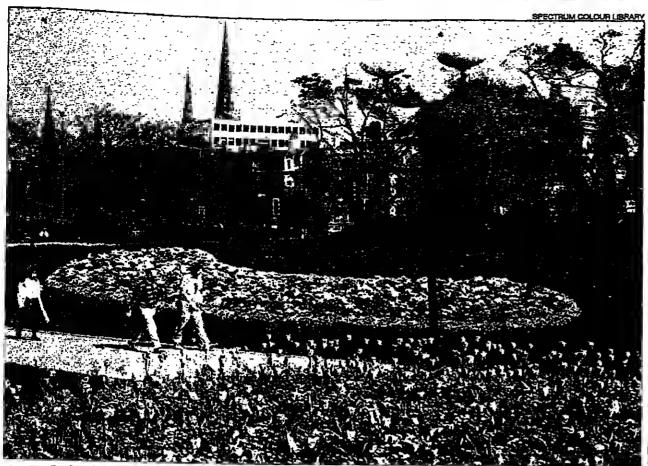


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# Nicky Willmore reports on US-style 'downtown management'



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The radical rebirth of Coventry city centre after its devastation during the Second World War caroe to symbolise the hopes and confidence of postwar Britain.

Bolstered by the growth of the car and manufacturing industries, the city developed a new cathedral, inner ring road and one of the country's first pedestrianised shopping precincts. Today, however, many of the jobs have gone and the showpiece town centre has

been fighting its own decline. Coventry council has now come up with another plan for the city centre, which it hopes will restore some of that lost confidence and prove as radical as the first. It has turned to America and the example of downtown roanagement" for inspiration. Under that type of management, responsibility for the town centre is vested in a joint public/private sector company which has its own

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network of customer-service representatives with two-way radios. The company buys in services such as extra lighting, security cameras and streetcleaning teams. Even public assets such as council car revenue-raising powers. parks are transferred to the In the American example,

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are being appointed, from Coventry household names such as Boots and Marks & Spencer as well as institutional properdeclares ty owners, banks, the leisure industry and the council itself.

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The company's remit will be to improve the centre's vitality and commercial viability. fighting off competition from other town centres in the area and from out-of-town developments such as hypermarkets and shopping villages.
The lesson to be learnt

from the American experience is that this sharing of ownership and responsibility for the city centre is a key to success, says Tony Vincent, the head of city centre development at Coventry City Council.

t the core of the new company's tasks will be marketing, to attract new businesses. visitors and finance. With the help of El million of funding over three years from a European Commission urban pilotprojects scheme, the company vill set up a business advice service for smaller companies to bring variety to the area. It will also take over, and augment, the council's existing budget for cleaning and mainienance.

Coventry is adamant that its proposal does not amount to privatisation or loss of democratic control. Mr Vincent says: "In taking this route, the local authority is very conscious of its role of protecting the city centre on behalf of the citizens of Coventry."

The transfer of assets such as car parks from council control has been ruled out. although the company would be able to influence levels of charging. Contracts for street work such as cleaning and lighting would have to comply with minimum standards laid down by the local authority.

Most important, the council and the partnership company will have to devise a series of performance measurements to assess progress. These are likely to include pedestrian counts, data on car-park and public-transport use, business data from retailers, crime statistics, the number of vacant premises and rental values of commercial properties.

A question mark still hangs over the financial stability of the company. British companies have made clear their opposition to the American approach of requiring direct local contributions by means of an extra tax associated with needed can be huge; Philadel phia, for example, has an annual budget of \$6.4 million (about £4.25 million).

oventry hopes to win business over on the basis of the company's performance over the first three EU-funded years. It also believes that the existence of the partnership company will operate as a magnet for drawing private nance and give the edge to its bids for regeneration funding.

Mr Vincent says: Town centre management is increasingly being seen as a business. You can't run a business on the basis that your resources come from begging." It is not only other councils that are watching Coventry's progress John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has already lent much support to the relatively new discipline of town centre management.

Mr Gummer's department is part-funding a research project on the potential of the American model for the British suburban town, it is not inconceivable that some of the legislative barriers to raising extra revenue from local comparries could be removed before Coventry has to resort to the begging bowl.

# Being the centre of attraction

High streets are improving their facilities to fight out-of-town

rivals, says David Rudnick

f people are not to vote with their wheels and desert town centres, a shopping trip to town must be every bit as safe and convenient as one to a suburban or out-of-town centre. To lure shoppers and retailers back to the high street, town centre managers are devising a mix of strategies ranging from improved urban landscaping and leisure activities to better pedestrianisation.

Inevitably, priorities vary greatly from town to town. But easing traffic congestion and improving shoppers' access seem to be common themes. York and Oxford, for example, operate comprebensive park-and-ride schemes which have appreciably reduced the pollution and congestion dogging their historic centres.

Manchester is pioneering a street-level light railway as a solution. Unfortunately, this environmentally friendly form of public transport is costly to develop and, although 60 other towns are said to have commissioned feasibility studies, few are likely to come to fruition.

For visitors opting to drive into town centres, clear signposting is essential, especially to car parks. Forcing motor-

ists to cruise endlessly in search sure that their first visit is also their last. More parking space is needed. Hillier Parker estimates that on average there are only 3.6

parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft in town centres, compared with 7.4 in out-oftown centres.

Once he or she has parked, however, the motorist becomes a pedestrian, with interests that conflict with the car. Pedestrianisation - banning traffic either partially or totally from the centre - is one increasingly favoured solution. Peter Fieldhouse, Reading's town centre manager, says: "Pedestrian zones are often welcomed locally both by traders and the public as they offer a pleasing contrast to the conventional urban high street landscape." From a practical standpoint, pedes-trian safety is enhanced, and so is convenience to disabled people and pram-pushers, who are freed from awkward kerbs and crossings.

Pedestrianisation can be visually stunning; look at prizewinning Horsham in West Sussex. But there are drawbacks; pedestrianisation can make commercial deliveries difficult. And many shoppers and retailers feel more secure with traffic about, especially after dark. Mr Fieldhouse points to evidence, particularly from America, that "too much pedestrianisation can

cause dead zones that become no-go areas in the evening". Tony Vincent, Coveniry's city centre manager, accepts that fear of crime gives many town centres an image prob lem. Coventry has tackled it vigorously. A ban on alcohol consumption in central public areas, though initially contro-

versial, has cracked the prob-lem of drink-related disorder. Improved lighting Jespecially sed-circuit television and a radio link between stores and the centre's management office have dramatically re-duced vandalism and other forms of crime. Tasteful appearance also

counts in marketing an urban centre. John Lockwood, director of the Calderdale Inheritance Project in West York-shire, says that modern, purpose-designed shopping malls are establishing new environmental standards that traditional city centres ignore at their peril. He adds: "The bright aluminium and plastic of the 1960s and 1970s have given way to a new ambience which exudes elegance and threatens to redirect custom permanently away from town

Mr Lockwood believes the main argument for upgrading a town centre's

appearance is economie rather Traders than environwelcome mental, Cleaning and refurbishing fine histopedestrian ric civie buildings (as in Hali-fax) is a worthzones while investment that will repay

itself handsomely in attract-ing investors and customers, enhancing retail turnover and profits. "Civic pride runs deep," Mr Lockwood says, Transform an ugly or rundown centre into one that people can be proud of, and you mine a rich vein of public

The process is well under way, but traditional town centres remain an endangered species in the view of Paul Davies, who beads the Civic Trust Regeneration Unit, an economic develop ment consultancy. "There is more at stake here than shop-ping," he says, "Markets, banks, cinemas, clubs, pubs and restaurants all feed of each other to provide a healthy, balanced town

The intrinsic social and cultural attractions of town centres, professionally managed, can see off competition from out-of-town shopping complexes. But an effective town centre management team needs a whole range of qualifications including commercial insight, understanding of the needs of retailing, a grasp of traffic management and streetwise experience.



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# Misfeasance in public office

Three Rivers District Council and Others v Bank of England

Before Mr Justice Clarke [Judgment April 1]

A plaintiff had a sufficient interest to maintain an action of misfeasance in public office at common law where it was established (i) that the defendant was a public officer who intended to injure him and knew he had no power to do what he did and that the plaintiff would probably suffer loss and (ii) that the plainbif had suffered loss as a result of the wrongful act.

Mr Justice Clarke so stated on a preliminary issue in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division.

The plaintiffs, Three Rivers District Council and others, were certain named denositors in Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA (in liquidation). BCCt was named as plaintiff as the assignce of the claims of the plaintiff depositors against the Bank of England.

the defendant capable of being liable to the plaintiffs for the tort of misfeasance in public office; (ii) were the plaintiffs alleged losses capable of being caused in law by the acts or omissions of the defendant: (iii) were the plaintiffs entitled to recover for the tort of existing depositors or potential depositors? Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Mr David

Regina v Liverpool Crown

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir

Compensation for statutory nui-

sance could be made only in

relation to the date of the period of

the existence of the nuisance

The Oueen's Bench Divisional

application of Jacqueline Anne

Cooke for judicial review of the

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two lay justices at Liverpool Crown

appeal by Liverpool City Council.

after its conviction at Liverpool

Magistrates' Court for statutory

nuisance, to vary a compensation

The applicant gave the council

statutory notice in accordance with

section 82(6) of the Environmental

of a nuisance, as defined by section 79(1)(a) and (e), which derived from

council owned. The council failed

to comply and a summons was

issued on November 17, 1994.

order from £3,000 to £250.

Court on March 31, 1995 on a

indicated in the summons.

Court, Ex parte Cooke

**Judgment April 3**]

dlen, QC, Mr Paul Lasok, QC, Mr Michael Phillips, Mr Bankim Thanki and Mr Rhodn Thompson for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE CLARK was referred to a number of authorities in considering the scope of the tort of misfeasance in public office. On the requisite mental element see Bourgoin SA v Ministry of Agriculture ([1986] 1 QB 716). That decision was not binding

authority for the proposition that the tort might not be committed where the plaintiff could not prove that the public officer concerned knew his act was unlawful and that h would cause damage to the plaintiff. There were other lesser is, although there was nothing in Bourgoin which suggested they were sufficient or might be. Assistance came from Jos City Council (1990) 1 WLR 54. 71) which recognised there were two the tort, either an intent to injure another or knowledge of acting Mengel ((1995) 64 ALJR 527 which contained the most detailed discussion of the second limb.

His Lordship drew the following The tort of misfeasance in public office was concerned with a deliberate and dishonest wrongful abuse of the powers given to a public officer, it was not to be intention to injure, although, as

Ranjit Bhose for Liverpool City Council; Mr Timothy King, QC and Mr Ivan Wolfenden for the

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT

said that Judge Hamilton had said

November 17, 1994 and only al-

leged that the statutory nuisance

accepted that a magistrates court

matters no more than six months

earlier and the summons could

have alleged that the nuisance had

existed from May 17 but it did not.

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dealing with a complaint of statu-

consider the whole of the period for

was no warrant for construing

section 82 so as to entitle the court

to take account of the whole period

for which the nuisance was alleged

period for which the nuisance was

His Lordship found that there

which it had existed.

The applicant submitted that it

sance were not entitled to

ted on that date; all counsel

Dowley and Mr Robin Dicker for Northern Territory v Mengel it the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas had some similarities to them. intention to injure the plaintiff or a person in class of which the

laintiff was a member, and knowledge by the officer both that he had no power to do the act complained of and that the act would probably injure the plaintiff was a member were alternative. not cumulative, ingredients of the tort. To act with such knowledge was to act in a sufficient sense maliciously: see Northern Terri-tory v Mengel (at p554).

3 For the purposes of the requirement that the officer knew that he had no power to do the act complained of, it was sufficient that the officer had actual knowledge that the act was unlawful or, in circumstances in which he believed or suspected that the act was beyond his powers, that be did not ascertain whether or not that was so or failed to take such steps and reasonable man to ascertain the true position.

the purposes of the requirement that the officer knew that his act would probably injure the plaintiff or a person in a class of which the plaintiff was a member, h was sufficient if the officer had actual knowledge that his act would probably damage the plaintiff or such a person or, in circumstances in which he be-lieved or suspected that his act would probably damage the plain-tiff or such a person, if he did not

Statutory nuisance compensation alleged to have existed. While incidentally relying on an inspection report of November 3, 1994, it Mr John Howell, QC and Mr

alleged the existence of a statutory

nuisance on November 17, 1994. The offence from which might have resulted loss, injury or dam-age capable of being the subject of a compensation order was the statutory nuisance complained of in so far as it existed at the date of the hearing and had existed since the date specified in the complaint, provided that date was not before whichever was the later of (a) the date when the statutory notice expired and (b) a date not more olaini was made.

Only by instituting proceedings could a complainant put the person responsible at risk of having a compensation order made against significant except in so far as the date of its expiry was the date before which no summons could be issued.

Sir Jain Glidewell delivered a concurring judgment. The complaint in the present case gave no notice to the person responsible of the length of the Solicitors: Mr Paul F. Taylor, Liverpool; Mr Andrew H. James,

inquiries as an honest and reasonable man would make as to the probability of such damage.

5 If the states of mind in 3 and above did not amount to actual knowledge, they amounted to recklessness which was sufficient to support liability under the second limb of the tort. Those propositions were capable of applying to omissions as well as to acts on the part of the public officer, although a careful scrutiny of each omission would be re-

It was to be noted that in propositions 2 and 4 above, his Lordship had described the relevant knowledge as either actual knowledge that the act would probably cause damage, not that it would necessarily or inevitably do so, or as turning a blind eve to the probability of such damage, not to its necessity or inevitability.

His Lordship had also described the knowledge as knowledge that the act would probably cause damage to the plaintiff or to a person in a class of which the plaintiff was a member. That rejected the defendant's submission that only knowledge that the plaintiff would inevitably suffer damage was sufficient. Such a requirement would be

necessary if it was a tort depending upon intention to injure the plain tiff or aiming at the plaintiff. However, once it was accepted that there were two alternative limbs of the tort and, as it seemed to his Lordship the cases suggested, the necessity for such a requirement no longer existed, it would unnecessarily restrict the tort.

The purpose of the tort was to give compensation to those who had suffered loss as a result of improper abuse of power. That being so, knowledge that the relevant person would probably suffer damage was surely suf-ficient; equally if the relevant person was not the plaintiff himself, but a person within a class of which the plaintiff was one.

6 Where a plaintiff established (i) that the defendant intended to injure the plaintiff or a person in a class of which the plaintiff was a member (limb one) or that the defendant knew that he had no power to do what he did and that e plaintiff or a person in a class which the plaintiff was a member would probably suffer loss or damage (limb two) and (ii) that the plaintiff had suffered loss as a result, the plaintiff had a sufficient right or interest to main tain an action of misfeasance in public office at common law.

In the present case his Lordship provisionally concluded that the no, while in principle the answer to Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant

question (iii) was ves.

Scots Law Report April 22 1996 Inner House

# Keep open clause is enforceable

Retail Parks Investments Ltd breach of their contractual obligav Royal Bank of Scotland plc Before Lord McCluskey, Lord Dudement March 8

A court order requiring a bank to use and occupy certain premises as bank offices, and to keep them open for business as bank offices during all normal business hours. until a particular date was sufficiently precise and specific for the bank's landlords to be entitled to a decree in those terms. An Extra Division of the Inner

House of the Court of Session so held, allowing a reclaiming motion by Retail Parks investments Ltd ainst an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary (The Times July 18, 1995) assoilzing the Royal Bank of Scotland from a conclusion for specific implement in an action brought against the bank by the reclaimers, and pronouncing an interlocutor ordaining the bank to use and occupy the premises in issue as bank offices and to keep the premises open for business as bank offices during all normal business hours until August 17, 2002, or until the lease in their lawfully terminated or assigned

Mr Roy Martin, QC and Mr Jonathan Lake for the pursuers and reclaimers: Mr William Nimmo Smith, QC and Mr Eric Robertson for the defenders and respondents.

LORD McCLUSKEY said that between September 1979 and March 1995 the respondents had ed to them and used by them as a bank branch. In March 1995 they had intimated to their landlords, the reclaimers, tha while the respondents accepted that they remained tenants under the lease and were liable for the rent, they did not propose to continue to occupy and use the

The lease provided: "The emises are let for use as bank offices and for no other purpose whatever unless with the consen in writing of the landlords. The tenants shall take possession of and use and occupy the premises for the foregoing purpose(s) from the date of entry . . . and shall thereafter continue to use and occupy the same for the said purpose(s) and during all normal business hours shall keep the

There had been a wide ranging debate, but the parties were agreed as to the material facts. It was also common ground that the lease was binding on the parties; that the socalled "keen open" clause was neither void from uncertainty nor difficult to understand: that what the respondents proposed to do would admittedly put them in

premises open for business

throughout the whole period of

tion and give the reclaimers a right to reparation: that the court could competently grant a decree ad factum praestandum in respect of an obligation, provided there was a relevant case and an appropriately worded, sufficiently precise and enforceable decree could be devised: that the respondents did not invite the court to decline to frame such a decree upon the basis of the exercise in their favour of a discretion such as might sometimes be exercised by the court sought; and that the respondents were not pleading that an order in

their obligation was or exactly what they had to do or refrain from The respondents had not attacked the Lord Ordinary's decision to reject their argument that the provision of two cash machines amounted to sufficient compli with the keep open clause, but they reserved their position in that respect in relation to any other

the the terms sought would compel them to do something so ill-defined and imprecisely specified that they would not be able to know what

His Lordship observed that at common law, failure to implement a decree ad factum praestandum exposed the defender to the penalty of imprisonment, or other pena ((1892) 19 R 801, 802) per Lord esident Robertson.

The case law ante-dating the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) 1940 Act illus trated the general rule that the citizen should not be exposed to such consequences unless for a clear breach of an obligation which had been previously made known to bim in terms that left him in no doubt as to what it was that had to be done or avoided.

The provision of a procedure for application for imprisonment or other sanctions in the 1940 Act had was not a sanction that could be employed against a corporate body 1940 Act

A breach of a court order was itself a serious matter for a corporate defender, independently of the possible penalties. The ent for precision in the decree was therefore the same: see Munrow v Liquidator of Bolnagown Estates Co (1949 SC 49); Fleming and Ferguson v Paisley Magistrates (1948 SC 547).

The following general state-ments of the legal considerations to be kept in mind when assessing the relevancy of a plea for such a decree could be formulated: 1 No decree would be pronounced by the court to enforce an obligation said to be contained in a contract if the material wording of

what the debtor in that supposed obligation had to achieve in order to fulfil the obligation. However, the mere fact that the relevant wording did make it sufficiently clear what the debtor had to do was not necessarily of itself sufficient to entitle the creditor to

obtain the decree. 2 The fact that the court had pronounced a decree to compel specific implement ad interim did not prevent the court from concluding at a later stage that such an order could not properly be pronounced on a permanent basis. However, the history of the defenders' compliance with the order during the interim period might assist the court in reaching a view as to the sufficiency of its precision and specification.

3 It was not fatal to the obtaining of such an order that a number of distinct acts might have to be performed in order to secure compliance; nor was it fatal that the order was likely to remain effective against the defenders over a period of years. However, the more numerous the acts desiderated or likely to be required and the longer the period of time during which it was envisaged that the order would remain effective. the more necessary h would be to find terms for the order that would satisfy the need for adequate precision.

4 An order might specify the end to be achieved but leave open the er was to achieve that end.

5 In considering the precision that was necessary, the court should consider the commercial realities which formed the background to the undertaking of the parties' mutual obligations.

6 The possible difficulties for the debtor in the obligation in knowing what was required of him should be considered against the background of the enforcement procedures, for an allegation of a each would have to be made by petition and complaint in which the court would have to determine whether a breach had occurred and whether the defenders had acted in wilful disobedie whereafter the court could give them a further opportunity to comply in the light of the court's pronouncement that the order had been breached by their previous acts and omissions.

Those procedures diminished of an order that lacked precision and meant that there should be no insuperable difficulty in policing

The obiter remarks of their Lordships in Grosvenor Developments (Scotland) plc v Argvil Stores Ltd (1987 SLT 738), had not broken new ground but had sim-ply involved the application of the usual and familiar tests to the terms of the lease that had been at

issue and of the order that had been sought. In any event, some of the possible difficulties considered in Grosvenor might have been answered after a proof.

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In the present case, the facts had been established. The period of the order was a mere seven years. The relevant terms of the lease had been chosen by large commercial organisations, acting with legal advice.

The defenders had for nearly twenty years used and occupied the premises as bank offices without their use or occupation having given rise to any apparent diffi culty or misunderstanding. On the face of it there was no reason why that use and occupation should not have continued for the remaining ears of the lease. The defenders' intention to cease

that use and occupation did not arise from some uncertainty or lack of comprehension as to what lack of comprehe their contractual duties were. It. arose from a commercially spired decision to transfer the business to new offices five hundred yards away.

If the court were to make an order in the same terms as the contractual clause they would know that they would be in breach of the order if they carried out their proposal. It might be that they would at some time want to consider some changes to the regime that had obtained prior to March 1995, and still did, and they might then face some difficulties in knowing exactly what they might or might not do to avoid a breach

That might be: but the court had no duty to advise large commercial undertakings as to how close to the wind they could sail in order to avoid a breach of an undertaking that they had freely entered into with legal advice in a probative

Adopting what Lord Justice Lawton had said in Maxwell v Department of Trade and In-dustry (1974) 1 QB 523), one did not have to be able to define a breach in advance in order to be able to be confident of recognising it when it Finally, the question of what

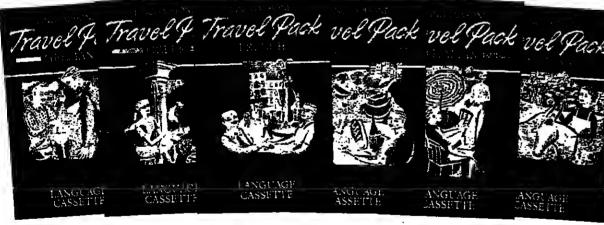
"normal business hours" meant was a question of fact and, in the light of such evidence as might be dduced in any proceedings for breach, the court should have no difficulty in determining whether or not the defenders' opening hours were in line with that

The difficulties urged upon their Lordships could too easily be exaggerated in his Lordship's nnion the order sought passed the tests of precision and specification derived from the authorities. Lord Kirkwood and Lord Cullen

delivered concurring opinions. Law agents: Maclay Murray &

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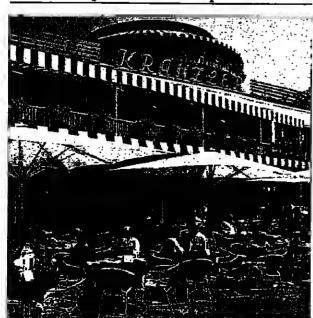


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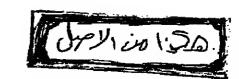
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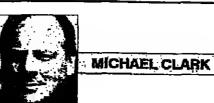
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# Eurotunnel loss likely to hit £900m

EUROTUNNEL: The heavily-indebted cross-Channel operator will report financial figures for the first full year of operation today. The company is expected to have been cash-positive before depreciation and interest charges, but these will have dragged the pre-lax loss back to just short of £900 million.

#### ASSOCIATED BRITISH

FOODS: Concern over the impact of mad cow disease and the proposed slaughter of herds on its animal feeds business is likely to be pushed into the background when the group unveils half-year figures this morning. Brokers take the view that the strength of the group's balance sheet and a stronger performance in its food manufacturing operations should offset any negative news

on the feed front. Profit estimates for the first six months run from £180 million to E187 million against £165 million for the corresponding period. Packaging and raw material cost inflation has peaked and recent price rises have held enabling the group to lift margins. This should also help to take some of the pressure off British Sugar which has been the main profit generator during a difficult period for the rest of the group. Burtons and Twinings are expected to show an improvement but Ryvita may prove to be a dull spot. The group should also enjoy an improved return on its £000 million cash pile supported by a strong gilt market.

PREMIER FARNELL: There are likely to be few surprises when the group, which up until last week was known as Farnell Electronics, unveils full-year fig-ures today. The group has already forecast pre-tax profits of £75 million on the back of its recent £1,8 billion acquisition of the much bigger US Premier Industrial Corporation earlier this year. Last year Farnell made profits of £62 million.

Brokers will want to glean how well the integration of Premier is going and what the likely costs savings will be. But Howard Poulson, chief executive, has already made it clear to them that



A long year: Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, gives first full-time figures today

he has no intention of talking about Premier. Instead he wants to concentrate on Farnell's performance during the course of the

His attitude is not surprising when taking into account the open hostility the Premier deal was greered with when it was first announced in January, with the likes of Edinburgh's Standard Life standing out against the deal which was financed by a nine-for-19 rights issue at 540p.

All this hostility took its toll on the Farnell share price which, at one stage, touched a low point of

610p. Only in recent weeks has it made up lost ground closing on Friday at 717p. Richard Dyett, with Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, says Farnell's figures are likely to reflect a much improved performance from its catalogue distribution business selling small quantities of items from a large range. In the past couple of years Farnell has struggled to improve margins in this part of the business and the benefits are just

ICI: In February, the group told shareholders it was looking for a

starting to filter through.

similar performance in the first quarter as that achieved last year. But UBS, the broker, is looking for a 5 per cent downturn to £210 million when figures are unveiled on Thursday. Stronger performances are anticipated from from paints, materials and explosives. But the expected weakness will come from a slow start to the year by industrial chemicals which was the star performer during the first half of 1995.

BANK OF SCOTLAND: At first sight full-year figures on Wednes-day should make impressive

climb 22 per cent to £550 million. But profits totalling almost £60 million from disposals are expected to provide much of the improvement with a further £12 million quarterly contribution from Bank West also swelling the Iotal. The rest of the gain can be attributed to a drop in bad debt provisions from £2IS million to E163 million. On the trading front, margins on the mortgage book are continuing to narrow while costs rise. NatWest Securities, the broker, says the group's capital ratios are among the

SEARS: There is imlikely to be much for shareholders to cheer when the group unveils full-year figures tomorrow. It is likely to follow on in a similar vein to figures last week from House of Fraser, with brokers forecasting a profits downturn. Estimates range from £95 million to £120 million compared with £139.6 million last time. There are unlikley to be any crumbs of comfort about current trading either. Brokers say the group will continue to struggle until the problems at British Shoe Corpo-

During the course of the year Sears disposed of Freeman Hardy & Willis and Olympus, the sports store chain, while restructuring its joint venture in European shoes. Since the year end i has also sold off Saxone, Curtess and Milletts. NatWest esomates this could distort the headline pre-tax profit number by £65 million. It anticipated that these disposals could see the group's cash pile slashed from EISI million to E75 million. The dividend should be held at 3.95p.

AUSTIN REED: It is likely to be a similar story for Austin Reed, now being tipped a potential takeover target in the Square Mile. Full-year figures on Thursday are likely to show a virtual halving of pre-tax profits to £3 million. A combination of factors including a poor womenswear range, bad weather and disruptions to production will have made a severe impact on the overall outcome.

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

### CBI trends in spotlight

this week include the latest reading for retail sales and the Confederation of British Industry's most recent quarterly trends survey. On the whole, these are expected to show that the economy is improving on the consumer side of the equation with some marginal pick up on the manfacturing side.

The CBI survey, due to be published tomorrow, is expected to see a pick up in expectations for output after a slight fall io January. However, economists gave warning that there is not much evidence yet that manufacturers have made significant inroads in reducing large stock levels and that this should rein back output for some time. Orders are expected to have remained weak though some analysts think price expectations may have picked up a little. Retail sales for March are due on Thurs-

day. The consensus of forecasts compiled by MMS International is that sales will have risen 0.4 per cent in the month, giving a year oo year rise of 2.1 per cent, a light pick up on February's 1.9 per cent.

The other British indicator which will attract some market interest is M4 money supply data today. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, cited abovetarget M4 growth at the March 7 monetary meeting sas a reason for cautioo and said that if monetary growth remained strong, interest rates would have to be raised. The MMS consensus forecast is for a rise of 0.7 per cent in March, taking M4 year on year growth rate to 9.5 per cent from 9.9 per cent. This is still above the 9 per cent upper limit the Treasury wants.

There are a number of Japanese economic releases this week, the most important being March industrial production. This is expected to have fallen 4.7 per cent. There are tentative signs that the Japanese economy may have started to recover after years of stagnation, so all indicators are of particular interest to the markets.

JANET BUSH

#### SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy: Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, Finelist; Avoid: Arjo Wiggins. The Observer: Buy: FII Group: Sell: Signet. Sunday Business: Buy: Rolls Royce; Sell: GKN. Independent on Sunday: Buy: Manganese Bronze, MacDonald Martin; Sell: Rentokil. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy: Amey. Cussins Property: Avoid: Essex Amey, Cussins Property; Avoid: Essex Furniture

#### ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

# Active Imaging makes its debut

By MARTIN BARROW

DEALINGS start this week in shares of Active Imaging, which is set to join the Alternative Investment Market by way of a placing to

raise £5 million. The company develops compuler imaging products. including cameras for use in security and surveillance, traffic management, industrial inspection and related applications through the Internet. The shares are being placed through Beeson Gregory at 112p each, valuing the company at £20.5 million. Dealings are due to begin oo Wednesday.

Active Imaging is based at Maidenhead, Berkshire. The company employs 70 people in Britain and America and its chairman is Mike Brooke, who is also chairman of Azlan. Sales have grown steadily, rising to £5.06 million in 1995 from £4.45 million in 1994 and £3.1 million in 1993. In 1995 the company in

curred losses of £552,000 before tax after charging development expenditure of £465,000. Gross profits were El.77 million last year.

initial target of attracting 140 companies within its first year, nearly two months ahead of schedule. Launched in June 1995, AIM has seen more than two billioo shares traded in its first ten months, with a value of more than £692 million, according the Londoo

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# Row looms over debt relief for poorest nations

poorest nations is the big issue at the meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank opening today in Washington and matters are shaping up for a bitter row.

Hopes had been high in the run-up to the meetings that real progress could be made on the issue. But even as Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who has spearheaded the debt issue. was delivering a statement in London expressing his delight that a consensus appeared to be forming, Michel Camdessus, managing direc-tor of the IMF, was placing a bomb

under the whole process.

A framework document by the IMF and World Bank had finally

acknowledged that they, as multilat-eral lenders, would have to play a role in providing an exil route from debt for between eight to 20 very poor countries. This agreement in principle has been cheered all round as a real breakthrough. Briosh officials and non-governmental organisations such as Oxfam were convinced that a new debt inicative could be announced at the Group of Seven summit in Lyon in June and then be ratified at the IMF/World

Bank autumn meeting in October.
But M Camdessus last week insisted that creditor governments represented in the Paris Club would have to reduce bilateral debt by as much as 90 per cent and refinance

**Janet Bush** on the key issue at the IMF and World Bank meetings in Washington

ESAF, the IMF's concessional loan operation, before the fMF would agree to paying for further debt forgiveness itself. This principle is enshrined in the framework document, but there was still a palpable sense of disappointment from campaigners for debt relief at M

Camdessus's tone. The "as much as 90 per cent" clause was contained in the framework document that will be discussed at today's interim committee meeting and at tomorrow's development committee meeting. The document makes it clear that the IMF will step in only once the best possible efforts had been made by bilateral creditors.

Governments and the IMF are squaring up for a fight over who ssumes the largest financial responsibilities in the debt relief initiaove. M Camdessus last week put down a hardline negotiating position. Bilateral creditors may well throw down a gauntlet of their own, insisting that they will not replenish ESAF unless the IMF and the World Bank find some money to finance debt forgiveness.

Britain is still campaigning for

the IMF to sell some of its gold reserves to find the money, but this is vehemently opposed by Germany, Japan and France. An alternative proposed by British officials is that a hard look be taken at the World Bank's income and reserves, which some believe have deliberately been played down.

The question of debt forgiveness was on the agenda of of G7 finance ministers in Washington yesterday and this week may see a further evolution in G7's position. The Chancellor's view is that bilateral creditors have done their bit, agreeing in 1994 to write off up to 67 per cent of the debt stock of the poorest countries. They have also come up with resources to refinance IDA, the World Bank's concessional lending

arm, for the next three years. Some British officials now believe that there is a moral obligation on the IMF and the World Bank to put up funds for multilateral debt rellef having, as one of them put it, "lent to some of these countries so irrespon-

sibly in the first place"
In spite of the hard line taken by the IMF last week, there is still some hope that progress can be made.

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#### PR for the PM

IN PUTTING together the Downing Street Policy Unit, the Prime Minister has reached out to Brunswick, the City public relations company, pulling Simon Walker through the doors at Number Ten. Mr Walker, a partner at Brunswick, has been on secondment from the PR company since Easter. A spokeswoman at the company which handles the PR for some of the UK's top companies said she did not know when Mr Walker would be returning from John Major's camp.

FIRST on the list for the Queen's Award for Export Achievement announced yesterday, was the Angio Beef Processors. Let us hope the compony doesn't go belly up before receiving the honour, since the processor of fresh and frozen beef and lamb has lost 20 per cent of its business since the EU ban. On the cut off date, exports from the firm were turned back in transit.

#### Thumbs up

DAVID GRANT, director and great-grandson of the founder of Scotch whisky distillers, William Grant and Sons, is hoping his thumbs will recover in time to pick up his compa-ny's Award for Export Achievement, Grant, who broke both thumbs on different days while skiing in Val d'Isère a fortnight ago. is happy to have secured the award for the second time, but wonders how he will be able to carry the cumbersome award

#### Underwired

A SLIP of the pen in this month's edition of *Live* wire, the free magazine for East Coast rail travellers, that would have Ab Fab's Patsy and Edina howling with laughter over a bottle of Bolly. Io a patronising article on the merits of Leeds, Tony Greenway writes "...it will be Harvey Nicks' first store outside London, and comes complete with beauty salon, bar and brassiere".

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#### Chemicals output faces fall BRITAIN'S chemical industry is expecting its out-put rise to halve in 1996.

according to its latest economic forecasts. The fall, signalled by the Chemical Industries Association, reflects weaker overall UK economic performance and will feed through into the slowdown in British

industry.
The CIA says that chemical output will rise in the UK by 2 per cent this year, compared with 4.2 per cent last year and 5 per cent in 1994. Chemical exports are forecast to rise by 2 per cent, but imports will be up by 3 per cent. Investment in the industry will rise by as much as 7.8 per cent, the industry's umbrella body says, but employment will fall by 2 per cent.

#### Forsyth trial

Elizabeth Forsyth, former aide to Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, is due to be sentenced at the Old Bailey on Friday. Forsyth, 59, of Great Dunmow. Essex, was convicted last month on two counts of handling nearly £400,000 in funds allegedly stolen from Polly Peck Inter-

#### **Buyouts cheer**

Management buyouts floated on the London Stock Exchange in 1995 oot-performed the FT-SE All Share index by more than 25 per cent by the end of that year, according to a report by the Centre for Management Buyout Research at Nottingham University.

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#### 'One-off' boom

Consumer spending is poised for its fastest growth since 1989 because of a bonanza of one-off payments". Lloyds Bank said. Payments such as building society conversions will boost spending power by almost 10 per cent in the next two years, adding about 1 per cent to actual spending.

# DTI delay on reforms 'damaging industry'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S competition policy is damaging the UK's competitiveness, according to a new business study urging radical changes aimed at improving economic performance.

It suggests tighter rules to ensure that firms compete. tough policing such as dawn raids on companies and on companies, and rights for a beefed-up watchdog to inspect files.

The Government is currently consulting on changes to competition policy, but its proposals fall far short of reform suggestions from a range of other bodies, including the Labour Party and the all-party Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee.

Tomorrow, Karel Van Miert, the European Commission's Competition Commissioner, is expected to outline current Brussels policy and proposals on competition law when he addresses a business conference in London, organised by the Industry Forum, the body established to create links between Labour and industry.

In advance of that, the Commission on Public Policy and British Business - an inquiry currently being mounted by the Institute for Public Policy Research thinktank - says today that the Government has been "mealymouthed" about reforming competition policy, and claims this failure is damaging the UK's competitiveness.

The Commission report says that the Department of Trade and Industry "must shoulder considerable blame" for the inaction over competition. It also attacks the Government's 1989 promise that it would reform competition policy once parliamentary time permits as "wearing distinctly thin". It adds: "The DTI's failure to grasp the competi-tion policy nettle is thus holding back British business."

The report puts forward a number of detailed recommendations, including unifying the MMC with the Office of Fair Trading; giving the competition authorities increased investigatory powers

- including dawn raids on companies, the right to inspect company files and to impose fines for failure to provide accurate information; sharply reducing politicians' power to intervene in individual competition policy cases; and stiffer penalties against anti-competitive practices, including heavy fines for serious offenders of up to 10 per cent of company turnover, and dam-

ages for others affected. The study, which is support ed by Lord Borrie, formerly head of the Office of Fair Trading, says that the current UK competition system has a number of major weaknesses including the costs and time for companies involved, a concentration on relatively minor cases, a scarcity of significant action to be taken to restore or maintain competition and a "huge" overlap with

European law. It adds that the "tripartite system of OFT, MMC and Secretary of State introduces an inevitable bias against significant action, in that all three bodies have to support it - if anyone is unconvinced nothing happens".



Lord Borrie, who is in favour of radical action on competition to improve industry's economic performance

#### People's Bank plans low-cost UK credit card

THE pressure on UK credit card companies to decrease their rates will intensify today with the launch of a low-cost credit card from the People's Bank of Connecticut (Caro-

line Merrell writes). The US bank, which aims eventually to have 500,000 credit card users in Britain, is the second US bank to launch a card in the UK in the past two months. The first was

Advanta Corporation. The People's Bank said its card would carry no annual fee and have an interest rate of less than 15.9 per cent. Both cards substantially

undercut many of the UK's major credit card issuers. Rates of over 20 per cent are common among credit cards, in spite of the cut in base rates on January 18 to 6.25 per cent.

# **News International in** Internet advert launch

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent this year, is aiming to break

even after three years. It will

THE Press Association, Britain's leading news agency, has teamed up with News International, owner of The Times, to launch a unique classified advertising Internet.

The two groups are understood to be planning to invest £3-£5 million in Classified Link UK, which could provide a partial solution to the problem of how media owners can make money by going online. While many national and regional newspapers are available in part or in full on the Internet, they do not earn cover price or advertising revenue from these services.

The new service, due for

launch in the fourth quarter of

allow the two groups to tap into the classified advertising revenue of the non-national press, which earns El.1 billion of the £1.5 billioo UK market. Participating newspapers, who will pay a subscription, will be able to place their

classified advertisements on a national database that will link jobs, property, travel, motoring and business services. Internet users nationwide will access the advertisements through each newspaper's own internet or online

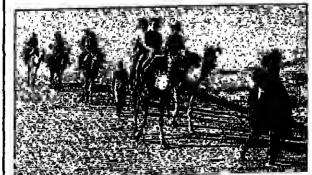
Mark Hird, general manag-er of PA Data Design, said: "Every word in each advertise-

ment will be indexed so users can tap in key words and phrases and the system will automatically select for them all the ads containing them." ☐ News EyeQ, an online busi ness information service, will be launched on Wednesday by News International and DataTimes Corporation. The service provides access to around 6,000 information sources around the world, including News International titles. The service will be available to any company or individual with a personal computer and modern. When fully operational it will cost £20 a month plus £2 per fulltext article, or £75 a month

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# Bearish tendencies at large in bonds market

poorly this year in comparison with other European markets. It is very tempting to ascribe this to political factors. However, there may be another explanation: the gilt-edged market is English-speaking. English-speaking countries have tended to underperform Germany so spreads have wid-

ened out, whereas French, Latin and Scandinavian countries have ootperformed and spreads have narrowed. Indeed, in France bond investors have made capital gains this year whereas in the UK tenyear gilts have fallen 11 per cent. There are various reasons for this. An important one is that European governments are sticking to the timetable for EMU. This has led to spreads oghtening against Bunds for those countries aiming to join EMU at its inception or soon after. The markets assume that the UK is not one of these. However, the English-speaking countries also tend to perform as a bloc because they are all regarded as Anglo-Saxon with

similar characteristics. There is a reasonable economic justification for this in that their economic cycles are more closely synchronised. However, while there has been a marked divergence in performance between markets. the interlinkages have been growing tighter. This partly reflects the ongoing "globalisa-tion" of markets, but the sudden increase in correlations

sheep-like. But there are also underlying forces at work which are affecting all markets. All this means domestic developments are less

between markets this year is due to a heightened level of

uncertainty that is making

markets very thin and more

A similar increase in corre-

lation between markets was observed in 1994. This can only add to the fear that 1996 could prove to be a re-run of 1994, when £100 invested in a long-dated gilt at the beginning of the year was worth only £82 by the end. Some things are different this time: the Federal Reserve has not

(yet) pushed up interest rates: European interest rates are lower: and steeper yield curves make bonds look relatively more attractive.

These differences would make one optimistic about bonds. But there is another difference, which is bearish. In marked contrast to 1994 the real money supply in the OECD area is expanding as policymakers have become determined to restore growth.

Last week's cut in the German discount rate in the face of high M3 growth was another sign that the Bundesbank is placing more emphasis on restoring the growth necessary to keep Germany on course for EMU. Because of this there is more chance of a sustained world economic recovery. And if growth does pick up it will be with less spare labour capacity in the US and the UK.

Inflation worries may be more perceived than real as the structural forces holding down global inflation remain powerful. Nevertheless, low inflation will not stop bond yields rising. Bond markets are anticipating growth will

national output has been squeezed there will eventually be a backlash; they are worried that in spite of attempts by governments to improve public finances debt burdens have not been reduced; and worried that policymakers will allow a bttle more infla-

resolving the debt problem. The UK has done considerably better than most govern-ments in reducing its future pension liabilities and on this score it should at some stage outperform. But for the moment the UK cannot escape the developing bear market in international bonds.

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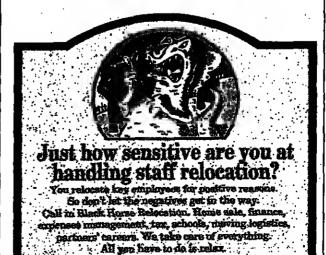
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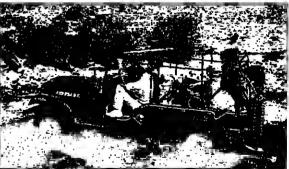
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ody Shop International wears B its founders' values too boldly on its sleeve for my taste. That is a typically English reaction. Yet The Body Shop has flourished neither in California's liberal climate of political correctness, nor amid French intellectual confidence, but in tolerant, pragmatic just-geton-with-it Britain.

Naturally, there is a drawback. Tolerance of any departure from the norm, let alone eccentricity, disappears as soon as company performance falters. Conformity with the City's own culture then becomes de rigueur, a necessary sign that the company is pulling its socks up. Such messages have been passed,

at varying volume, to companies as diverse as Amstrad. NFC and, in terms of father-to-son succession, to Hanson, Progressive Body Shop resented them so much, when its heady profit growth ran into sand. that the founding Roddicks considered taking the company private, as Amstrad's Alan Sugar vainly tried. So the "social audits" that it commissioned of itself may be written off as a diversion from controlling costs and getting the bottom line moving in the right direction again.

That would be a mistake. Admittedly. Body Shop's exercise had a marketing role. Having built its trumpeted social, environmental and trade values into its brand name, it was in double trouble when

A visit to the Far East during the

Easter recess was

a journey of

discovery, says

Peter Mandelson

in at Prime Minister's Ques-

tions last Thursday and jeered at me over my Far East visit.

Why the Deputy Prime Minister

y all accounts, Michael Heseltine was ter-

ribly pleased with himself when he stood

# Prepare now for a life after takeover culture

critics claimed it did not put them into practice. The "audit", based on attitude interviews with employees, customers, suppliers, franchisees and shareholders, as much as facts, was meant to validate its reputation. It gained wider value because the company had the courage to twin its internal audit with a separate, truly independent one that carried far greater risk, as well credibility.

The Roddicks gave carte blanche to a specialist business academic from Stanford. The result was instructive. Although both studies found roughly the same strengths. and weaknesses, the external audit was more critical. The report though, on balance. reassuring turned into an agenda for board action. It should help long-term trading, as well as social concerns not shared by all.

If Body Shop found its "stakehold-ers" less admiring than it thought, how much more is this likely to be true of the average big company, which devotes far less self-conscious effort to the fine ideals of its nowinevitable mission statement. How



SEAR JEANT

often one hears directors who are shocked at the low esteem that their efforts, and conduct, earn, Managers often assume, for instance, that a lack of strikes means that their employees are broadly content. They are hurt when they discover, by accident or via some survey, that employees who fear for their jobs, have to work longer hours, and have seen their pay lag economic recovery, are just as discontented.

Tony Blair's new Labour takes care not to antagonise big business or financial markets. Only in City

Lessons for Labour from Asia

and competition regulation, where widely agreed reform is being held back, are specifics promised. If Labour came to office, however, pressure for change would be intense, from a variety of sources.

Corporate Governance Matters. a Fabian Society pamphlet by Austin Mitchell, MP, and Professor Prem Sikka, gives a flavour of one. It proposes a strangulating network of public interest regulation and entrenched stakeholder influence that would have many a company director rushing to the EU Social Chapter in relief. As so often with these indefatigable authors, however, there are nuggets of uncomfortable truth behind the overstatement.

The Cadbury reforms of the boardroom have worked in a more incestuous way than intended. As a result, boards have taken on a culture even narrower than before on important subjects such as investment and job-cutting, as well as on relatively trivial but political ones such as executive pay.

Most of all, the culture of City fund managers has mesmerised

boards, based on the takeover bid both as weapon of control and as low-risk alternative to investment. The only reason you no longer hear many business complaints about City short-termism is that the quoted sector has surrendered unconditionally to it - except where management has voting control.

This trend was illostrated by power and water utilities. They balanced different interests quite well, with the help of regulation. until takeover protection ran out, whereupon the culture of fund managers became supreme and they started milking their cash like there was no tomorrow, let alone the day after tomorrow, and upset customers and employees.

In the past, Labour in office has been so keen on creating industrial champions that its supposed hostility to takenver bids has never come to much. Business should, however, prepare for alternative forms of discipline to the ubiquitous bid. The continental models symbolised by the Social Chapter are one, the stakeholding ideas of British reformers, inadvertently boosted by Mr Blair's use of the term, are another.

Candid external social audits, on the Body Shop model could provide a valuable education for boards now blinkered by the City culture. Unlike Body Shop, however, managers might be wiser to keep the first embarrassing results to themselves.

Labour Party, of course, certain lessons of Asia-Pacific will be as

difficult to swallow as others are important for the Tory Party to

acknowledge. Foremost is an

unambiguous commitment to

backing entrepreneurial flair -

and its rewards - and rejecting

the corporatist notion that, by

sitting around a table with an

agenda of business problems, national representatives of "both sides" of industry can

somehow find the solutions.

It is true that in many Asian

countries there has been a

highly regulated, almost bu-

reaucratic approach by govern-

ment to promoting manufacturing, which worked

well in the early stages of

economic development. Power-

ful linkages between finance

and business, underpinned by

the constant fostering of a long-

term industrial view, has long

been an important - and too

frequently shummed - model for

Britain to follow. But this was

never a substitute for strong,

enterprise-based management

dedicated to constant, market-

driven technological innovation

and sophisticated research and

development shrewdly anticipa-

ting customer wants and needs.

# Paradise lost for campers

This Must be the Place. Radio 4. 9.15pm.

This Must be the Piece. Ratio 4, 7-15-pin.

Here's a little gem, an affectionate lament for the passing of Butlins.

camp in Filey, once one of the world's biggest holiday complemes. It was buildozed to the ground in 1989. Presenter Nick Baker says than going on holiday there was like going to heaven without first having to die. One thing did die there, though. Charlie the Elephant, the kiddles favourite, suffered greatly from flatulence. Wags estimated that his very audible raspberries travelled at gale-force speed. When this mahout died. Charlie was inconsolable. He was put down his mahout died. Charlie was inconsolable. He was put down aptly, some say — with a lorry's exhaust fumes. And so Filer Campand Charlie shared the same fate. Both are gone with the wind.

Hoagy's Janz. Radio 3, 4\_30pm.

Not that I detected any, but there wouldn't have been any excuse for Not that I detected any, but there wouldn't have been any excuse for factual or critical lapse in Mel Hill's four-part life of Hoagy factual or critical lapse in Mel Hill's four-part life of Hoagy factual or critical lapse in Mel Hill's four-part life of Hoagy Saich is Carmichael, composer and singer of hugely popular songs saich is Stardust and Thanks for the Memory. As well as two volumes of autobiography there are countless recordings. Hill and his producer Derek Drescher have worked together before, exploring the talent, times and inspirational sources of American jazz celebrities, and times and inspirational sources of American jazz celebrities, and Hoagy's Jazz is the latest example of their mutually beneficial partnership. Carmichael recordings we hear today include washboard Blues with the Whiteman Band and an early Carmichael idol. Bix Beiderbecke. dol. Bix Beiderbecke.

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seusical Encounters with Stophanie Hughes, Includes, Foulds (Overture: La Cabaret) 10.05 Artists of the Week. The Stateon under Hamy Christophers, Davy (In honore summae matrs) 10,45 Donhanyi, an Sitkovetsky (Serenade in C): Tippett (Five Spirituals, A Child of Our

Sprittals, A Child of Our Time); Scarlatti (Sonata in F. sharp minor, Kk25) 12.00 Composers of the Week: Karof Szymanowski. Pretude, Op 1 No 2; Etude, Op 4 No 1; Etude, Op 4 No 3; Viola Sounte: Commit Violin Sonata; Concert

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2.00 Schools The Song Tree 2.15
Story Box 2.25 Let's Move
2.45 First Steps in Drama

3.00 The BBC Orchestras, The BBC Philharmonic under BBC Philharmonic under Barry Wordsworth: Tchaikovsky (Overture: Romeo and Juliet) 3.20 My Friendship with Rubinstein. Excerpts from the letters of Saint-Saens 3.25 Concert Part 2. Saint-Saens (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor:

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Symphony No 3 in C minor, Organ)
4.30 Hoegy's Jazz. See Choice 5.00 The Music Machine, with Tomory Pearson 5.15 in Tune with Jeremy Nicholas. Including, Haydin (Piano Trio in B flat, H XV 20); Poulenc (Concerto in G minorio for organ, strings and timpara) for organ, strings and timpani)
7.30 The Sibellus Symphonies.
The final concert in the series, introduced by Michael Oliver. Pohiola's Daughter, Symphony No 6; Symphony No 5

9.10 Epics of Everyday Life. Elaine Cladon reads an account of the break-up of

9.30 The Grandour of God. The BBC Singers under Stephen Cleobury perform settings of verse by Gerard Manley Hopkins (r)
10.00 Ensemble, Beathoven

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(Sonata in E minor, Op 90);
Chopin (Barcarolle in F sharp,
Op 60); Havel (Une barque
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(Sonata No 3 in A minor)
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11.30 Composer of the Week:
Claude Debussy (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes in New York.
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lour Jazz portraits starting
with the bassist Milt Hinton
1.00-2.00 Night School

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.16 Faming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, inc 7.25, 8.25 Sports News, 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Beyond the Millennium (2/6) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week. Melvin Bragg's guests include Sir lan Mickelien and Peter Startford 10.00 News; Big Bang (FM only). In the last of the senes, Jec Netson previews the Brain Opera

10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi 12.25pm Counterpoint 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
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2.00 News; The Sisters of the
Sciennes, by Donald
Campbell. The story of the
women widowed by the Battle
of Flodden Field (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.

Lynne Walker talks to the sawophonist Jan Garbarek Short Story: The Key, by Diane Langtord. A long-suffering wife finds the key to some of her mean husband's secrets - and much more secrets - and much more

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

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7.20 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme.
Derek Cooper examines the decline in the British hop industry (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Blood Wedding, by Fredrico Gerdis Lorca, Set in Cuba's African.

community at the turn of the century. A widow, whose eldest son and husband were both killed in leuds, discovers her only living son wishes to marry. With Carmen Munro, Akim Mogali and Merienne Jean Bartiste
9.15 This Must Be The Place.
See Choice

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Shropshire Lad. By A.E. Housman, Derek Jacobi reads the first instalment of this collection of poems [1/5] 11.00 Thintiswood About ... (FM only). Libraries. The first of four programmes in which Peter Timiswood reflects on personal niegative. 11.00 Education Matters (LW

11.30 Uncle Dynamite (FNI only).
By P.G. Wodehouse(5/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00 News inc 12.27sm Weather 12.30 The Lata Book: Lipstick of the Host, written by Aiden Mathews. Read by Pauline McLyrn (1/7) (r)

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World Service

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should be so amused by the fact that a North East MP chose to spend his Easter finding out about the Asian economic miracle is beyond me. Perhaps he has forgotten Samsung's £450 for any politician to afford to million investment on Hardelaugh. We all have a lot to learn from Asia's achievements and I pool's border, which is strange was glad to travel and inquire given the credit he claimed for it at the time. (thanks to the enlightened atti-Britain's economic perfortude of Barclays Bank, which inmance in the last decade and a vited me to meet many of its half has not been so brilliant by Asian corporate customers to any comparison (internationally talk about trade and investment or against our postwar record) prospects under a Labour gov-

ernment). What were the lessons I came home with from the dialogue I enjoyed?

Eclipsing all others is the Asian achievement of sustaining local cohesion alongside rapid economic change. Outside the region, some have the impression that the success of the tiger" economies is based on

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sweatshop labour producing cheap. bargain-basement goods, with huge profits and vast wealth for a few being earned through exploitation of the many. This is a false picture. Of course, profits are substantial and there are some very rich entrepreneurs, but what's wrong with that? The difference

between many Asian countries and Britain is that, among the tiger economies, inequalities of

their workforce a stake in the country's economic success both at the workplace and in society. This does not mean it is the role of government to guarantee job security or preserve jobs that no longer have any economic purpose (a lesson now absorbed by new Labour). But it is the job of government to provide people with secure modernised social insurance, highquality education and health services, as well as bolstering family life, on which they can depend. It is on this foundation of security, and the celebrated

Instead of people resisting economic and employment change for fear of the loss and isolation it will bring, more intelligent Asian policies and attitudes have encouraged a posi-

practice, this means govern-ments willing to accept their responsibility for investment in human capital in return for individual commitment to the market econo-

my and business success. This, incidentally,

like those of Asia-Pacific. For some old thinkers in the

wealth and income do not coexist with the denial of opportunity and social cohesion that so many in Britain experience. The reason for this is a conscious attempt by governments such as those in Japan. Korea and Singapore, to give

This is the real key to Asian success. In any case, in Japan and Korea, for example, there is now consensus that industrial deregulation and liberalising competition are essential for further economic advance. A strong commitment to competition can become unsettling and uncomfortable for management and workforce alike, but what is the alternative if companies are to be kept on their toes? The Asian approach to labour market regulation is also instructive. Comparisons and lessons are more difficult in this area, but two observations are Asian open and more egalitari-an style of management, that worth making. The Asian economies, in general, do not contheir exciting rates of economic fuse labour flexibility with low change bave taken place. wages, poor standards of employment and a refusal to deal

tive willingness to adapt by individuals. In

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is not achieved with low or falling public expenditure as a proportion of GDP. It is true that in Singapore the proportion of GDP is only 18 per cent. But compulsory savings there are levied on employers and employees to the tune of 40 per cent of earnings for people under 55 and these funds are used to cover, among other things, pensions, healthcare, house purchase and further education (an interesting welfare model for Britain, albeit a very hard one to introduce now). In Taiwan in the 1980s, the Government's share of GDP rose from 25 to 33 per cent in a decade that saw its economy grow nearly 8 per cent a year. Unlike in Britain, Asian tigers have spent more on public service and infrastructure as their economies have grown

without increasing tax. They have benefited from a virtuous circle of investment, widening skills, rising incomes, savings growth and further investment. The opposite has happened in Britain, where enormous amounts have been wasted on unemployment - so much for the Conservative myth that our economy has become more successful as it has become more

competitiveness. The same Korean executive the high costs of the social security system in Germany, where his company has made a major investment. Tony Blair was right in his recent New York speech to rule out the introduction of similar German costs for Britain, an issue, it should be noted, which is quite separate

with trade unions. As one senior Korean executive remarked to

me, against a background of

rising labour costs in his country, "we don't mind paying more

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from the Social Chapter. Nobody could deny that some Conservative ministers have worked hard to attract inward Asian investment to Britain, My impression is that their efforts have been well-supported by a more commercially minded diplomatic service. A Labour government needs to intensify this overseas activity as a high priority. But it was clear to me throughout my journey of discovery what is the most important factor in attracting investment from Asia: the English language. Spreading the word is Britain's secret weapon.

Expanding the activities of the BBC and the British Council around the world, and recruiting more foreign students to our higher education establishments, are essential economic policies for Britain.

☐ Peter Mandelson is MP for Hartlepool and Opposition spokesman on the Civil

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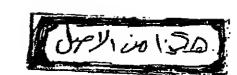
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# A birthday surprise for everybody to enjoy

The Queen had made it clear. Her 70th birthday was, on no account, to be marked by - no massed bands, no flypasts, not even Cliff Richard singing Congratulotions outside Buckingham Palace. Well, she may be Queen, but she will not be the last reluctant birthday girl to have her wishes ignored.

The BBC listened but it did not obey. It bowed respectfully ("quite right, Ma'am, no fuss, excellent idea"), walked carefully backwards and, with a conspiratorial smile on its corporate face, went off to prepare a little birthday surprise. And Princess to Queen (BBCI, Sunday) was a surprise. It was a delighi.

Not just a "ooh, isn't she lovely" sentimental sort of delight, but a clever, thoughtful, well-structured delight that performed as well as a history lesson as it did as a birthday present. That the programme succeeded so impressive-

The first was to concentrate on the first 25 years of the Queen's life, which at a stroke excluded all the tediously well-trodden domestic drama of more recent years. The second was to get Ludovic Kenne-dy to write and deliver the narration.
An individual less inclined to

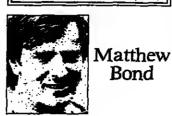
fawning than Kennedy it is diffi-cult to imagine and his script struck an admirably detached tone. It was affectionate (it was her birthday, after all) without ever being naïve or sentimental; it was respectful without ever pretending that there weren't one or two rather serious problems around. Kennedy told it as he saw it rather than telling it as he thought it ought to be told, avoiding the sort of instant posterity clap-trap that so many of his predecessors have succumbed to. The grovelling of

one particular Movietone com-

ly was largely down to two key mentator was dismissed almost wearily: "This sort of gush was par for the course in those days."

This sort of gush is rapidly becoming par for the course for this review, but at the risk of turning heads, I shall press on. Rarely can the archives have been be raided so rewardingly, with wonderful home movie footage of King George VI and his family intercut with newsreel of the big occasions - funerals, coronations and, of course, the abdicatioo. Furny how you forget just how important that was.

ather refreshingly, the programme made no attempt to establish where "it all went wrong", although Kennedy, I thought, dropped one or two clues. Queen's father he clearly considered a good thing, a dutiful and caring family man, but as for her husband ... Well, let us just' say the story of how Philip REVIEW



Mountbatten was nearly Philip Oldcastle was told with relish.

A huddle of royal biographers chipped in to good effect and John Keane showed that the music for such programmes doesn't have to be all pomp and circumstance. At the end of a hugely enjoyable hour, Kennedy concluded — to nobody's great surprise - that as long the Crown rested on the Queen's head, the monarchy was secure. Me, I

theory - that the start of the royal family's problems seemed to coincide with the arrival of colour television. Monarchies are definitely best in monochrome.

Further credence to this theory was given by ITV's contribution to the big day, Happy Birthday Ma'am. The sepia-tinted years that the BBC had just lavished an hour on, ITV crammed into twoand-a-half minutes, leaving plenty of time for famous people to tell their favourite Queen anecdote in full colour, of course.

Trevor McDonald popped up briefly to remind us that the Oueen was "the most famous woman in the world" and then left it to others to take it from there. We began at a suitably distinguished level, with warm words from former President George Bush, but as soon as he was followed by Sir Harry Secombe ("when she smiles, I'd climb Everest for her" ) and Sir Edmund Hillary (who actually had) you knew that Sir Cliff Richard would not be far behind. He wasn't.

Two things, however, rescued the programme from turning into succession of A Funny Thing Hoppened On the Way to My Investiture stories. The first was a quite extraordinary, stage-whispered contribution from Baroness Thatcher, recalling the Queen's worries about the Duke of York serving in the Falklands: "She had the same concerns as every other mother." The second was a splendid but brief collection of royal jokes. Five in 44 years may be spreading it thin, but the deadpan delivery is coming on a treat.

Tor FDR (BBC2, Saturday) the recipe was pretty much the same as it had been for Princess to Queen: biographers, relatives and family friends assembled to chronicle the life and

velt. But they laboured, at least for this opening instalment, under one important disadvantage (two if you count some strange com-pahpah music). While much of the Queen's early life was captured in home movies, Roosevelt's im-mensely privileged upbringing in the Hudson valley was caught in formally posed stills. There is only so much fun in leafing through

somebody else's photo album. But while the fun may have been limited there was, once again, a huge amount of history to be learnt or recalled. "No one ever imagined he would be President," said one elderly gent whose grandfather had been at Harvard with Roosevelt. Not even when they realised that his cousin Theodore already had the job? After all, that's the first law of democracy, isn't it? Keep it in the family.

Lynne Truss is on holiday

6.00am Business 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (16445)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceetax) (7640280) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7700342)

9.45 Kilroy (s) (1933735) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday lamily magazine (s) (19209) 12.00 News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (6636445) 12.05 World Cham-

pionship Snooker (a) (8414735) 12.35pm Going for Gold (s) (3565193) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (19532) 1.30 Regional News

and weather (94207990) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (44316754) 2.00 Columbo (s) (38321)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1455648) 3.50 Bodger and Badger (r) (s) (7472822) 4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (1009303) 4.10 Fudge (Ceefax) (s) (2645735) 4.35 F.O.T. (Ceefax) (s) (9244445) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1757396) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (1873700) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (712938)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax); weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines (261) 7.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith is joined by Greg Proops, Kazia Pelka, Judy Flynn and Lee Hurst (Ceefax) (s) (4551)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck, includes an unusual American custody battle, and Bob Hoskins appeals for more donors to join the bone marrow register (Ceefax)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (7071) 8.30 Crime Beat. Martyn Lewis reveals one of

the ways in which large and small groups of people are fighting back against villains; and there is a report on how architects are joining forces with police out crime" (Ceefax) (s) (9006)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax); regional news and weather (6236)

9.30 Panorame. Investigating the dangers of medical radiation (Ceefax) (835303)

10.10 Film 96 with Barry Norman, Includes a look at Birdcage, a reworking of La Cage aux Folies staming Robin Williams and Gene Hackman; Ian McKellen's Richard Julia Roberts and John Malkovich; and the cult status being conferred on the critically-mauled Showgirts. (Ceefax) (s) (152782) N.I.: 10.10 Room for Improvement 10.40 Film 96 11.10 Omnibus 12.10-1.55am The George Raft

10.40 Ommbus: Written on Water: a Film about Budapest (Ceefax) (s) (988984)

11.40 FILM: Major League (1989) with Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernsen, Margaret Whitton, James Gammon and Rene Russo, The Cleveland Indians, a misfit baseball team of bungling amateurs and athletes past their finds themselves on a winning streak. Directed by David Ward (383551) 1.20am Weather (7424694) .

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (4554990) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles

(Ceefax) (37938) 6.00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceefax) (s) (24025) 8.30 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9923984) 9.05 Zig Zag (7647193) 9.25 Movable Feasts (4031174) 9.40 Le Café des Rêves (6465087) 10.00 Playdays in fe (6465087) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (6628551) 10.25 Hotch Potch House (s) (5854377) 10.45 Look and Read Special (s) (1801087) 11.05 Zig Zag: An African Country (s) (5257613) 11.25 Revista (s) (9999629) 11.40 The Geography Collection (s) (6368919) 12.05pm The

History Collection (s) (3549445) 12.30 Working Lunch (55483)

1.00 History File (s) (86706174) 1.20 Landmarks(Ceefax) (s) (86726938) 1.40 Storytime (s) (44314396) 2.00 Brum (r) (57797700)

2.10 World Championship Snooker. Action from the third day of the championships from the Crucible, Sheffield, Includes 3.00, 3.50 News, regional news and weather (10974735)

6.00 FILM: Gun Fury (1953) with Rock Hudson and Lee Marvin. When his flancée is kidnapped by outlaw Frank Slayton during a stagecoach hold-up, rancher Ben Warren and Slayton's embittered ax-partner set out on their trail embittered ex-partner set out on their trail. Directed by Raoul Walsh (2842803)

7.20 Gower's Cricket Monthly, David Gower presents a magazine programme which mixes news, interviews and leatures on the serious and light-hearted sides of the game of cricket (707803)



The conned Terry Cohn (8.00pm)

The Search for the Silver Arrow (s) (9193) 9.00 World Championship Snooker. David Vine introduces continued coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield (s) (596551)

9.45 This Life: Family Outings. Drama series about five friends who tive and work together. Warren fears that Kira might try to "out" him to the rest of the family Anna tries her hand at merriage guidance and Miles beats his father at his own game (Ceetax) (s) (578716)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (886667)

11.15 World Championship Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of today's play including the conclusion of the Davis v Thome match, includes a chance to see is taring aginst Nigel Bond, last year's runner-up in the championship (s)

12.00 Midnight Hour. Late-night political chat show (87830) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

The Search for the Silver Arrow BBC2, 8.00pm

This is Prince Edward's television week. Tomorrow sees the start of his two-part documentary about the Duke of Windsor. Meanwhile The Search for the Silver Arrow is a special from the Top Gear team, made by Prince Edward's company, Ardent Productions. It is quite a tale. The Mercedes W154 Silver Arrow, one of the great racing cars, was built in Nazi Germany, It was produced in small numbers and few survived the Second World War. In 1988 a millionaire businessman, Terry Cohn, discovered one in Ceausescu's Romania and was happy to meet the \$2 million asking price. But he was swindled out of his money and never got the car. The missing vehicle is finally tracked down, but not before the film has revealed an amazing web of double-dealing with links to organised crime.

Rescue The Golden Hour Channel 4, 9,00pm

With 35 dead and 500 injured, the Clapham train crash of November 1988 is an unlikely candidate for a positive message. Yet this film is able to find one. To make the point it goes back to an even worse train accident, the Harrow horror of 1952 in which 112 people died. Then the policy of the ambulance service was "scoop and run". With little training or expertise, crews simply picked up the wounded and took them to the nearest bospital. Scoop and run remained the practice for another 30 years but critics said that people were dying needlessly while waiting for attention. The rivel approach was to treat victims on the spot. The "golden hour" after the accident was seen to be vital Ambulance drivers became paramedics and teams of doctors were rushed to the scene. The Clapham casualty toll was bad enough, but it could have been even worse.

An Inspector Calls: Hotel Check Channel 4, 9.30pm

Jayne Wyatt and Richard Stirling work for the Automobile Association and their job is to check out the botels, farmhouses and bed and breakfasts which appear in the AA's guides. Wyatt does her work undercover, checking in as Mrs Lawless and revealing herself to the manager only after she has discovered the snags. Stirling's visits (when he can actually find the places: a running joke) are completely open. He is a friendly, chatty character and impeccably polite, even when he is being critical. Wyant says that dentity appearance training in the heat the places. despite appearances, staying in the best hotels is hard work. As she slogs through yet another meal, sensitive about the four stones she has put on since becoming an inspector, you almost believe her. While she ponders whether to award the London Waldorf an extra rosette, Stirling has got himself lost again in the lanes of Devon.

Omnibus Written on Water BBC1, 10.40pm

Michael Frayn adds a personal portrail of Budapest to a distinguished series of city profiles that has previously included Berlin. Prague and Vienna. The history of Budapest, Frayn declares, is written in water and it gives him a useful framing device. He is talking not only of the Danube, which for centuries ensured that Buda and Pest were separate entities, but of the city's spas, steam baths and swimming pools. Frayn's other theme is the dream of Hungarians, only rarely achieved in 1,100 years, of being their own masters. With a light touch, and a wide cultural sweep, Frayn chronicles foreign invaders from the Mongols to the Soviet Union. The Hungarians are said to be a melancholy people" he muses. "I wonder Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (5204416) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7881261)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6532700) 10.00 The Time ... The Place (s) (2218193) 10.35 This Morning (44018193) 12.20pm Regional News (r) (6632629)

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5.10 The List (9977862) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (221261) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

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Walsh and Linda Lusardi (s) (6919) 7,30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (613) 8.00 World in Action. A special report on

trust. (Teletext) (s) (5667) 8.30 Police, Camera, Action The Liver Run, Alastair Stewart narrates a 29-mile journey across London for a lifesaving liver operation (Teletext) (s) (4174)



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9.00 Bramwelt. When Eleanor applies for a part-time job, she comes face to tace with the charismatic Dr O'Neill, played by Andrew Connolly (Teletext) (a) (6483) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (22667)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (330071) 10.40 Ballot Box. Young people who will vote for the first time at the next general election cross-examine MPs on topical issues (487880)

11.40 Good Advice(r) (751700) 12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (1333897) 12.40am Football Extra (6882385) 1.25 Customs Classified (6146472) 2.15 Jones and Jury (s) (8720946)

2.40 FILM: Between Two Brothers (1982) with Michael Brandon and Pat Harrington. Directed by Robert M. Lewis (641033) 4.20 ITV Sport Mini Classics (29542255) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (62965) 5.00 An Invitation to Remember (r) (47168) 5.30 Morning News (82385)

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11.10 Street Legal (671822) CENTRAL

10.40 The West at Work - Focus (808938)

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10.40 The Pier (885087) 11.05 The Listings (680193) 11.10 Meridian Works (795984) 11.40 Beyond Reality (751700) 5.00am Freescreen (47168)

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9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s)

9.30 Fill.M: Hollywood Cavalcade (1939, bw) with Alice Faye as a Broadway understudy who becomes a Hollywood silent film star. Directed by Irving Cummings (44056938)

11.15 A Blink of Paradise (r) (9815613) 11.30 Bush Tucker Man (r) (4919) 12.00 Right to Reply (r) (Teleted) (s) (12280) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (31006) 1.30 Wowser (68015551) 1.55 Pete

Smith Specialties (b/w) (44215071) 2.20 FILM: Innocents in Paris (1953, b/w) with Alastair Sim, Ronald Shiner, Margaret Rutherford, Laurence Harvey and Claire Bloom. Comedy about a disparate group of Britons on a weekend trip to Paris, Directed by Gordon Parry.

(Teletext) (269735) 4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (342) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (754) 5.00 The Gaby Roslin Show (r) (s) (6532) 6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (919)

6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletex) (s) (241) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (276321) 7.55 The Slot (304174)

8,00 Go Flathing. John Wilson goes boat fishing for plke in a Northamptonshire gravel pit (r) (Teletext) (s) (3209) 8.30 The Greatest. Profiles of the jockey Lester Piggott and Steve Redgrave, one of the world's top oarsmen (Teletext) (s)

9.00 Rescue, The second of a six-part series on the work of Britain's emergency services (Teletext)



The hotel inspector (9.30pm)

9.30 An inspector Calls: Hotel Check (Teletext) (a) (37087) 10.00 FILM: Near Dark (1987) with Adrian Pasdar and Jenny Wright. Horror film about a Midwestern lamboy who is introduced to the world of a gang of modem-day vampires. Directed b Kathryn Bigelow (Tsletext) (s) (730025) 11.45 The Late Late Show (s) (925483)

12.50 FILM: No Big Deal (1983) with Kevin Dillon, Christopher Gartin. Mary Jane Negro and Sylvia Miles. Drama about a student malcontent whose attitude alienates all but two of his fellow students. who find out about his unhappy home and teach him that life can be enjoyed without getting Into trouble. Directed by Robert Chariton (330385)

2.30am Karachi Kops. Continuing the fly-onthe-wall documentary series following life in a busy Karachi police station. This week, inspectors Nadir and Wasim break up a gang of car thieves - but not before there is a gunlight (r) (Teletext) (19728). Ends at 3.00

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

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7.00em Undun (61919) 3.00 Press Your Luck (8360261) 9.20 Love Correction (959980) 9.45 The Oprah Wintrey Show (1059416) 10.40 Jeopardyl (257990) 11.10 Salty Jeopardyl (257990) 11.10 Salty Jeopardyl (257990) 11.10 Salty Jeopardyl (92984) 2.00 Geraldo (26358) 3.00 Court IV (6366) 3.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (54458) 4.15 Undun (9092087) 5.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (9648) 8.00 The Simpsons (9071) 6.30 Jeopardyl (3651) 7.00 LAPD (5367) 7.30 M°A\*S\*H (9735) 8.00 Strange Luck (35657) 8.00 Police Rescue (15803) 10.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (18990) 11.00 Malrose Piace (7448) 12.00 Late Show with Devid Letterman (7951946) 12.45em The Triels of Rose O'Neil (162364) 1.30 Anything But Love (71236) 2.00 Pil Mits Long Play (4856912)

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Mask (1994) (2455) 10.00 Std School 2
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Ghost in the Machine (1993) (437025)
3.35 The Substitute (1993) (437025)
(4255659) 4.05-6.00 Fabro (1960)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Love Me Tender (1956) (38484) 5.30 The Big County (1958) (6823626) 8.16 Hell is for Heroes (1962) (23553174) 18.30 Return from the River Kund (1968) (558483) 11.50 Port of Call (1948) (194629) 1.30am Seven Angry Men (1954) (687439) 3.10-4.05 The Kild (1921) (6206217) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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4.00mm Thought for the Day 4.00 Worship 4.15 Kide TV 4.30 Voice of Fath with Walter Hallam 5.00 Volce of Victory with Kenneth and Gorie Copeland 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Muscles — Yesterday Today and SKY SOAP

7.00em Guiding Light (8504735) 7.55 As the World Turns (1184687) 8.50 Peyton Pisce (3223280) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (5183385) 10.10-11.00 Another World

SKY TRAVEL 11.00mm Globetrotrer (7617377) 11.30 Australia from the Outside Looking in (8475174) 12.30pm Spare of Life (1007) 1.00 (Scharay (383683) 1.30 (Great Escapes (1005603) 2.00 Traileide (484687) 2.30 Drea the World (3504613) 3.00 (Sobertotter (4843174) 2.30 Around the World - n 30 Mirches (7156396) 3.55-4.00



Strange Luck - Brand new drama series (Sky One, 8.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Titanic (49.47990) 6.00-7.00 Biography (1015551) THE SCHFI CHANNEL

7.00pm The Tompatow People (4968483)
7.30 Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future (5498006) 8,00 Starman (980532)
9.00 Outer Limits (9880386) 18,30 Close 1,00mm The Six Millon Dollar Man (9449101) 2,00 FiLM: Vamp (5822491) 2,40-4,00 Inside Space (56884101)

9.00em Surprise Chets 9.30 Grow Your Own 16.00 Stagestruck 10.30 Our House 11.00 Room for Improvement 11.30 Craftwise 12.00 Julia Child 12.30pm The Frugel Gournel 1.00 Yen Can Cook 1.30 Furniture to Go 2.00 Our House 2.30 Stars and Gardens 3.00 Screaming Reeks 3.30-4.00 This Old House UK GOLD 7.00m Angels (1739358) 7.30 Neighbours (1741193) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (361596) 8.30 EastEnders (3710483) 9.00 The Ed (3701735) 8.30 The Sulkvans (1674990) 18.00 Secret Army (1747377) 11.00 Bulksys (7882067) 11.30 Odd One Out (9876174) 12.05pm Sons and Deugh-lers (2346651) 12.30 Neighbours (1885008) 1.00 EastEnders (4127193) 1.35 SyAss (2431938) 2.15 Man About the House (3187463) 2.30 Three Up, Two Down (3769342) 3.30 The 88 (896071) 4.00 Minder (7806967) 5.00 Every Second Counts (8005975) 5.45 'Allo 'Alloi (8569687) 6.25 EastEnders (8758463) 7.00

1966987) 6.25 EastEnders (9759493) 7.00 The Two Ronnies (4419613) 6.00 Bulseye (8142567) 6.30 Man About the House (8121174) 9.00 Casuahy (4510025) 10.00 The Bit (2681629) 10.36 The Best of Top of the Pops (225280) 11.10 Widows (8123667) 12.15am FiLM: Terror from the Year 5000 (24369255) 1.25-3.00 Shopping al Night (2124304)

8.00mm Pugwell (\$1280) 8.30 Degressi Junior High (\$3984) 7.00 Ready or Not (15071) 7.30 California Dreams (\$1825) 8.30 Bylare Grove (53484) 8.30 Saved by the Bel (\$2755) 9.00 The New Pink Parither Show (43087) 9.30 Garfield and Frends (89377) 19.00 Eak the Cat (70484) 10.30 Creepy Crawlers (8071) 11.00 Casper and Friends (70290) 11.30 Dandbabies (88309) 12.00 Barney and Friends (55551)

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Shop (97358), 8.30 Whishbone (26342), 6.30
Rude Dog (25613), 9.00 Biter Mice (12183),
9.30 Clarisa (56483), 16.00 Rugrats
(51445), 10.30 Asashhil Real Monsters
(18377), 11.00 Rocko (34484), 11.30 Doug
(35193), 12.00 Sister Sister (88793),
12.30pm Pete and Pete (56071), 1.00
Capital Critera (2088), 1.30 The Liftess Pet
Shop (55342), 2.00 Wishbons (7349), 2.30
Rude Dog (8396), 3.00 Count Dudula,
(2754), 3.30 Mighty Mex (8613), 4.00 Tales
of the Crypticapie (6806), 4.30 Rugrata,
(9532), 5.00 Sister Sister (1071), 5.30 Mirror
(7984), 6.00 Ran and Stringy (1975),
6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark?
(1377) DISCOVERY 4.00pm Time Travellers (6086848) 4.30 Human Nature (8075532) 5.00 Treasure Hunters (814025) 5.30 Voyager (6993984) 8.00 Fire (6098025) 9.30 Beyond 2000 (9603071) 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Missaler & Amanual III.

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7.00pm Diffrent Strokes (4735) 7.30 Entertainment Tonight (1731) 8.30 Oue South (62735) 9.00 Soap (41700) 9.30 Tan (49735) 16.00 Fraster (48218) 16.30 The Vacant Lol (19006) 11.00 kids in the Hall (26445) 11.30 Saturday Night Live (22551) 12.30am Benson (57148) 1.00 Wings (75588) 1.30 Laverne and Shirley (15694)

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FAMILY CHANNEL .

5.00pm Read to Avontee (9622) 6.00 Betmen (2223) 6.30 Catchphrase (7193) 7.00 Thired Pursul (9221) 7.30 The Fall Guy (96377) 8.30 Duy Free (5006) 9.00 Stay Lucky (95067) 19.00 Treasure Hunt (98174) 11.00 Strena (41346) 12.00 The Fall Guy (52052) 1.00mm Beamen (73994) 1.30 GP (51410) 2.00 De Brother Jeles (53523) 2.30 Sners (17410) 3.30 GP (59410) 4.00-5.00 Road to Avontee (13507) MTV

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**CARTOON NETWORK/TNT** 

Continuous cartoons from Sem to 7pm, then TNT films as below, 7.00pm David Copperfield (1935) 18207272 9.30 Acroes the Wide Missouri (1951) (27433193) 11.00 Lost in a Harem (1944) (25607261) 12.30em Ladies Who Do (1964) (37605304) 2.00-0.00 David Copperfield (1835) (25627438) PERFORMANCE

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PETER MANDELSON LEARNS LESSONS FROM ASIA

BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

# Eurotunnel faces pressure over debt scheduling

By MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

EUROTUNNEL will come under further pressure today to give details of progress in its battle with the banks over £8 billion of debt, when financial figures for 1995 are

The market is braced for huge sses after interest payments. The City is looking for a pre-tax deficit that will be close to £900 million for the first full year of the tunnel's operation. This will come after an

estimated depreciation charge of E200 million and E700 million of interest costs. The pre-tax figure will therefore mask a small cash contribution from the tunnel's

Of more interest to investors, who are braced for an eventual debt-forequity swap that will heavily dilute their holdings, is the progress of the talks with the 223-strong banking consortium. The interest standstill agreement with them expires next March, by which stage some sort of

Eurotunnel is unlikely to satisfy the market's curiosity, however. Sources close to the company said there would be little to say about the state of play with the banks. Instead today's comment will concentrate

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on the commercial performance. Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, is thought to believe that the next move is for the banks. They must produce a unanimous view of what they want out of any financial restructuring before negotiations can start in earnest. Many of the banks have already taken

debt, in some cases of about 30 per cent, and others have sold it on at a similar discount.

Eurotunnel hopes a package can be negotiated that would allow loan repayments to be staggered and interest rates lowered. In addition, the banks would take an equity stake of as much as a third. But no agreement is likely until the au-tumn. "Maybe there will be some hints on the negotiations, but I really expect the talks to drag on until the end of the year," said one

was playing down weekend suggestions that it might attempt to obtain a pledge from the banks that some limited dividends would be guaran-teed to shareholders as part of the

restructuring. The news on the commercial front will be more positive. Car and freight passenger volumes on the Le Shuttle service have been rising in the first months of this year, and the tunnel now commands more than two fifths of all the Dover-Calais traffic.

possible benefits of the award, at the end of February, of the contract to build the high-speed rail link to the tunnel to London & Continental, a consortium that includes Richard Branson's Virgin Group.
As part of the deal L&C takes over

the running of Eurostar, the cross Channel rail service. The result is likely to be more marketing muscle to boost the service, to the advantage of Eurotunnel's revenues.

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# Redwood fuels alarm over power mergers

THE row over the shake-up in the power industry leapt firmly into the political arena last night after John Red-wood attacked proposed merger moves.
With Southern Company, the giant US utility, stalking

National Power, the UK's largest generator, and the Government close to a decision on whether National and its smaller rival PowerGen can take over two regional electricity companies, Mr Redwood became the first senior Tory to speak out against industry consolidation.
On BBC2's The Money Pro-

gramme last night, the former Welsh Secretary and party leadership contender bolstered cross-party concern over amalgamation in the power industy, which has been thrown into sharper focus by the arrival of South-

Warning against the move on National Power by the US company, which already owns Sweb, the regional electricity company. Mr Redwood said: allow this one you have to allow others, and then you reach a point where there isn't any longer enough competition to drive prices down." His comments came amid a growing belief that Houston Industries, a Texas utility, will bid for

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

Mir Redwood, a right-wing, free-market enthusiast, added to concerns voiced by John Battle, Shadow Energy minister, who told the programme that he would block a bid for National Power by Southern. As an under-secretary in the Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Redwood helped to shape the privatisation of the industry.

After the programme, Mr Redwood said that a policy to ensure competition in the industry had been needed before last year's round of takeovers. The more bids that are on the table, the more difficult it gets. We should have had a frame-

work last year but at least we

can have one now," he said.

Mr Redwood's comments will increase the intense pressure on Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, as he prepares a ruling on the proposed takeovers of Southern Electric (UK) by National Power, and Midlands Electricity by PowerGen. Although the bids have the support of the Monopolies and Mergers criticised within the industry by companies fearing a strengthening of the genera-tors' already dominant position, and by the electricity

regulator. Meanwhile, details are imminent of a conditional bid by

1 Pleasant (speech) sound (7)

3 Change course violently (6)

4 Upper-storey bay and win-

14 Omission of vowel, syllable

2 Hamlet's mother (8)

5 Torrent of anger (6)

11 Progressive; lent (8)

7 Uncivilised (8)

13 Painstaking (8)

15 Seem; arrive (6)

National Power for Southern Electric (UK). Talks continued over the weekend as the generator tries to rush through a bid that would help to form a defence against the bid on itself by Southern (US).

A swift deal could help to fend off Southern (US) by helping to persuade share-holders that a UK merger made more sense. In addition, if Southern (US) chose to try for National Power with Southern (UK) it would face a certain MMC referral.

Many believe that the ultimate goal for Southern (US) is to capture National Power. Southern (UK) and retain a controlling interest in Sweb. However, it is not certain that it would want to pay the price for Southern (UK) that Nat-ional may have to stump up to push through a speedy deal. It is thought that National will pay about £9.50p a share. against Friday's market price of £8.59p, in a cash and special dividend package.

Southern (US) has still to follow its statement last Wedcombine its business with that of National. Tom Boren, chief executive of Southern's overseas division, was in London last night and the company is expected to react once National reveals its deal with



Richard Wood, managing director of English Hop Products, of Paddock Wood, Kent, whose company has won a Queen's Award for Export Achievement for selling hops and hop products overseas. The hops have been particularly successful in America, selling to specialist "micro-breweries". Awards, pages 20-23

# City sees Rentokil as bid battle winner\*

THE City is expecting the biggest takeover battle now running to end in a win for the bidder on Friday. BET, the services combine, is strughostile offer from Rentokil.

BET received a last-minute boost on Friday, when a key shareholder. M&G Investent Management, with 7.5 per cent, came out in favour of the incumbent management. But observers believe that this

the 11th hour, although Mr

Rubython admitted the paper

would need further invest-

ment capital at a future date.

Reports that the white knight

was Owen Oyston, the entre-

ers were also found, although

the planned 600,000 print run

had to be cut to 450,000 and a

planned television advertising campaign was cancelled.

While welcoming the new paper as providing a new outlet for advertising, media

experts are sceptical about its

chances of long-term success.

per cent of broadsheet readers

say they read the business

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only il per cent of respondents

would be likely to read a

Sunday newspaper that fo-

Media analysts said that in

spite of the pre-launch prob-

lems it had been a "major

achievement" to get such a weighty package out on time.

cused purely on business.

Although between 29 and 41

New printers and advertis-

oreneur, were denied.

may not be sufficient to win victory for John Clark, the chief executive.

Around 25 per cent of BET is now held by arbitrageurs, or other short-term holders who are looking for a successful bid, so much will hinge around the performance of the share price this week.

Unlike M&G, the other big institutions, such as Prudential, Hermes, Threadneedle, and Sun Life, have not re-

By OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

vealed their intentions. If there is heavy selling and the BET share price starts to plunge, this will be read as a signal that the arbitrageurs have are heading for the exits. But the indications as the market closed on Friday were that they would get their profits.

Although the price had been subsiding, BET shares closed at 2022p, just 10p below the cash and shares terms on offer

centred on the performance of BET under Mr Clark, who arrived five years ago with a mission to pull round the margins.

Clive Thompson, his counterpart at Rentokil, has claimed that it is time for the "company doctor" to stepaside and to bring in new management. Mr Clark has countered by saying that the

from Rentokil. The fight has level of the offer fails to take account of the improvements already made and the transformation of BET into a fastgrowing group of focused

> But Rentokil has earned an enviable reputation for providing a profits growth that over the past 14 years has averaged out at-more than 20 per cent. The market betting is that this record will win the day.

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# New business paper runs into controversy

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent tery new backer was found at

BRITAIN's newest national newspaper. Sunday Business, hit the streets yesterday - and ran straight into controversy. The Ministry of Defence immediately dismissed its main front page report that it was about to award contracts worth £3.75 billion to British Aerospace in a move to boost Tory support in constituen-cies with BAe factories.

The paper claimed that Michael Portillo, Defence Secretary, would award a £1.4 billion contract to replace the Nimrod Maritime Patrol Aircraft and three missile contracts to BAe factories before

the next election.

But the MoD said: "No decision has yet been taken. Our procurement policy is one of competitive bids and is based oo value for money for the taxpayer. There is no way that a contract would be awarded purely for political reasons."

Although Tom Rubython, the paper's founding editor, claimed that the front page was full of "an extraordinary number of scoops", readers may have experienced a strong sense of dejà vu. Front page reports that Britain's Premier League football clubs were considering setting up their own pay-per-view TV channel and that Houston Industries, of Texas, was rumoured to be launching a bid for London Electricity, have been circulat-

For many in the media, the story behind the paper's troubled launch was as fascinating as any of the reports in its own pages. In the week before its launch, the paper, lost its main backer, its printer and its advertising agency and

ing for some time.

#### Ministers to meet on **IMF** fringe

Finance ministers and central bank governors of the Group of Seven biggest industrialised nations have started talks on the fringes of the spring meet-ings of the IMF and the World Bank in Washington.

The main topics for discussion are expected to be the slow growth in Europe and economic reforms in Russia. The G7 will also seek a common stand on the dollar amid pressure in Europe for a further rise in the greenback's value. Row looms, page 45

#### SE vacancy

The Stock Exchange is reported to be close to appointing a new chief executive after the January departure of Michael Lawrence. Giles Vardey, the exchange's director of market tipped ahead of candidates fielded by Whitehead Mann, the headhunters. No one at the exchange was available for

#### Harrods in view

Harrods, the Knightsbridge store owned by the Fayed brothers, is in the spotlight as a potential publicly-quoted com-pany. The brothers are reported to be considering a flotation after the reaction to similar plans by Harvey Nichols, the upmarket department store. A Harrods spokesman refused to comment on the speculation.

#### Smith silent

WH Smith has refused to comment on suggestions that it may tap the stock market for £200 million as part of a group restructuring. A weekend re-port said that restructuring, including the sale or closure of Do it All, the DIY chain owned with Boots, might involve pro-visions of £150 million.

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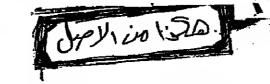
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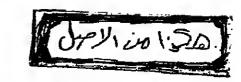
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**ARTS TUESDAY TO FRIDAY** IN SECTION 2

THEATRE: New productions at the National and in Croydon — plus a 'can't fail' scheme to encourage stage investors



Ken Stott as Scotty Scott and Sean Chapman as the Diddicoy in Tony Harrison's The Prince's Play, a late Victorian look at the Royal Family

Ferdi called him Rigoletto: a hunchback jester to the Duke of Mantua or, if you are Jonathan Miller in revisionist mode, a barman in New York's Little Italy. He has also been Bertucchio in Tom Taylor's Fool's Revenge, a play in which Edwin Booth scored a massive hit just before his brother assassinated Lincoln. But originally he was called Triboulet and jangled his cap and bells in the corrupt court of François I as it was robustly evoked by Victor Hugo in his Roi s'amuse back in 1832.

Indeed, Hugo brought loth-century France so provocatively to life that here were rlots at the Comedie Française, and the play was banned as republican propaganda. That is not a fate likely to strike the legend's latest incarnation, even though Tony Harrison's Prince's Play turns the jester into a blend of Billy Connolly and Harry Lauder and makes him the sidekick of "HRH the Prince of Wales", scion of the House of Windsor and heir to the British Throne. I am relieved to report that, far from being another snook at the present Royal Family, Richard Eyre's production is safely set in late-

# Rigoletto to the royals

Royal, Pall Mall, a West Olivier visits to East End Rip-

per territory. Why it has been so relocated I am unsure. Harrison tries to disguise the fact that HRH has medieval powers over life and limb, but, for all his imaginative energy, cannot quite do so. Conversely, his couplets have a contemporary ring, at one point rhyming "bit of fluff" with "chuffed". Just to add to the confusion, Bob Crowley's London seems variously indebted to Mayhew, Whistler and (black cloaks

The Prince's Play hanging like bats over a curved-shell house) modern surrealism. And all this fuss for a French romantie's attempt to bring Shakespearean-style tragedy to the

uptight Paris stage! Since what Hugo thought was tragedy we would now call melodrama, was the effort worth it? At one level, not really; at another, absolutely. You can almost hear the plot imploring Verdi to camouflage its fatvities. Dickens at his wettest would not have

created Scotty Scott's daughter (Arlene

virginity by David Westhead's wonderfully smug HRH, yet loving and loyal enough to sacrifice her life for his. Boucicault at his barmiest would surely have rethought the scene in which Ken Stott's Scotty braves lightning and rain to dance in vindictive triumph over the sack he thinks bulges triumph over the sack he thinks bulges with bits of murdered prince but actually contains the remains of his "wee, wee lassie". You are unlikely to be moved by such stuff, but you will be impressed by what precedes it. Eyre and Harrison

draw you into an ugly, dangerous world where nob. in evening dress swap sneers and sexist slurs with a vaudeville comic who, as played here, has genuine size and richness. Mix Shakespeare's most baleful victims, lago and Shylock, and you have Stott's blend of malice, resentment and right-eous fury. And was there any laughter when this monster added paternal tenderness to his emotional brew? Not a tittle of a titter. Never mind the melodramatics. This is a big, commanding performance.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

### Cockburn), violently robbed of her oublet, toil and trouble

HOT news: Shakespeare is appearing at the Warehouse. All right, so he wanders offstage after a few seconds and he was invisible. But our Elizabethan heroine Julia (Natasha Pollard), a wife who runs away to the theatre, does says hallo to him. She has just seen Hamlet and innocently hails the chap who played the Gbost as he tidies the stage with the Fool, Will Kernp (Kenneth Collard). At this point Will beats a retreat. In truth this episodically

meandering two-hander by Josh Lacey is hardly for devotees of Shakespeare. Kemp indulges in a long pseudo-Shakespearcan monologue on "What is an actor?" An endless stretch of similes, it seems. Meanwhile Julia, in a doublet and hose she has stripped

from a presumptuous passing

squire, has her own Hamlety

moments which do not add up

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to anything very coherent. After a tutorial on theatrical pretence, she is suddenly on a sea voyage, then drowning. Then she is back in London, duelling with the squire, She lugs his corpse into a neighbouring room, is raped, loses her mind, but recovers when her husband returns from

The production can be endearing. Collard's husband is both a comic pedantic patri-arch and lovable old codger. Pollard has a sweet arresting beauty, can be playful or tearfully pained. Regrettably, director Alison Rigden seems to have encouraged mere babyishness: lashings of wideeyed wonder and cute grins.

Lacey's characterisation is the basic problem. This play seemingly criticises the male condescension of yesteryear. And Julia does venture out and master some skills - yet she remains an unbelievable ingenue. That said, the silliness sometimes charms.

KATE BASSETT

grace and delicacy. The bass

Samuel Ramey was in stento-

# **Fidelio** New Production May 1|3|8|10|16|18|21|23|29 June 1 6 at 7.30pm April 27 at 6.30pm

HE first played in the Albert Hall in 1929, and again in 1932 under Elgar's baton. On Saturday, to celebrate his 80th

birthday (which falls today), Lord Menuhin came back. The platform was packed with some of the world's top fit for musicians. That was a fitting tribute to one of the greatest of a lord them all. In the audience were eminent men and women not just from this land, but from many lands. That was fitting, Menuhin Gala too, for Menuhin's indefatiga-

touched people in every corner of the globe. And there was one more apt touch: the proceeds from this gala, mostly conducted by Menuhin himself, went to two institutions founded by him: Live Music Now! and the

hle humanitarian work has

will perpetuate his ideal of

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music for many decades after the echoes of Saturday's celebration have faded.

But what splendid echoes they were. Mstislav Rostropo-Yebudi Menuhin School. They vich played Tchaikovsky's Ro-

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#### rian form for bombastic arias from Verdi's Attila and Govnod's Faust; then he touched the heart with Ol' Man River. And Anne-Sophie Mutter was brilliantly characterful in Mozart's Violin Concerto in G. K216. The golden thread of great fiddle-playing goes on. There was new music, too: Gareth Wood's vigorous Fanfare for a Man of Spirit; and

Malcolm J. Singer's A Hopeful Voice, which set brave words (Holderlin, and Menuhin's own speeches) to big, simple tunes for the massed trebles of the Voices Foundation Children's Choir, gar-nished with flourishes for string soloists from the Menu-hin School.

Menuhin conducted the Enigma Variations: not the most precise beat ever seen on this famous old podium, but it inspired warm playing from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Then he gave an eloquent speech, reminding us never to cease trying to understand our enemies.

Finally the mood changed to pure party romp, as a host of musical celebrities — including the conductors Michael Tilson Thomas, Yan Pascal Tortelier and Pinchas Steinberg, and Rafel Payne. the new BBC Young Musician - hammed their way through Michael Haydn's Toy Symphony.

> RICHARD MORRISON

### Just shows what a novice angel can do

There must be a catch. A group of theatre investors recently launched an ingenious scheme called the Gabriel Fund — so-called. one presumes, because it will make super-angels of its par-ticipants, it offers the chance to invest in theatre at a reduced risk and with increased returns. How do they do that?

Andrew Empson, manag-ing director of PW Productions, is one of the fund's cofounders. His production company is responsible for a spread of successful West End shows; he clearly knows his showbiz. You spend about three-quarters of the budget of a West End show to get it to its first night," he explains. "The balance of the money is required if there are overspends in certain areas, if the show needs nursing or, in the worst case, to cover the period that it takes to get the show off. This element of money is theoreti-cally not needed — but the producer has got to raise it."

Here comes the clever bit. The Gabriel Fund offers producers only this last element, the contingency supply. This might not be drawn upon at all - but the fund will still be due its share of any profits. The usual split is 40 per cent to the producer and 60 per cent to the investors. If the Gabriel Fund has supplied, say, a quarter of the funding for a production, it will be due a quarter of the investors' profits. That might sound very satisfying, but Empson and his colleagues are shrewd men

and do not rest there. "Because Gabriel is in effect a large investor, it will be able to get better terms," Empson explains. "It will be able to say to the producer, Look, I'm covering 25 per cent of your show, I'll take part of your share of the profits as well." The producer is likely to

accede out of necessity. Gabriel's panel of experts comprises six theatre financiers, who together form an eagle-eyed team. "It's a group of people pooling their knowledge: almost what you might call insider trading, but not quite." Empson chuckles at the

oke, and I make a mental note that if ever I have £5,000 spare shall steer it his way. This is what it will cost you to become an investor in the fund. Or rather, not necessarily. The fund will become active as soon as it reaches around



Andrew Empson: hopes to avoid backing the duds

£250,000, made up of individ-ual stakes of no less than £5,000. But this full amount might not be called upon at all. People only have to put up £1.000 of their stake," Empson explains. Of course, things might take a turn for the worst, your extra £4,000 might

be required and indeed lost. But Empson points out that once a show has gone into profit, Gabriel's liability is reduced. "In effect you can use that money over and over again. It could be that an investor puts up El,000 and actually has E10,000 of investment out of it."

Empson's team researched a cross-section of shows profrom long-running hits to disasters. They discovered that if they had underwritten all of them, they would have made an overall profit of around 20 per cent of their investment. "What we hope." Empson says drily, "is that we can tip those odds much further by leaving

out obvious duds." The fund will provide a much-needed boost to theatrical investment in this country. "It goes back to the Lloyd's mess, really," says Empson. "When Lloyd's names started losing money heavily, rather than see a Canaletto disappear off the wall they decided not to invest in theatre. The fund is one way to try to bring in more investors from outside

Empson is also involved in another initiative with similar repercussions. Last month the Society of London Theatre formally approved the Small London Theatres Agreement. a set of guidelines for productions in West End theatres with under 700 seats. The idea is to reduce production and running costs in these venues in order to encourage greater investment, not least in dramas as opposed to musicals.

A theatre which usually charges £6,000 a week rental to the producer might, under the new agreement, charge only £3,000 a week. The actors and backstage staff would work for reduced payments (although never less than Eq. uity rates). Ticket prices would be held down, encouraging more people to attend.

Both the Gabriel Fund and the Small Theatres Agreement are yet to be tested. Even so, they betoken the increasingly collaborative nature of British theatre production. If you had always wanted to be angelic bin never quite managed it. this could be the time to start.

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### Nuclear risk is put on ice

cooking came from below decks. The burly captain tried to tempt me down for lunch. "It's not dangerous. We live here." I felt like the boy on the burning deck. The old destroyer, quietly rusting in Murmansk harbour, did not appear dangerous. But only a few yards from me in the hold lay enough leaking radioactive waste to poison the entire Kola

The Lepse is a more menacing ship now than she ever was when she patrolled the Atlantic as part of the Soviet Navy. In her hold lie scores of spent fuel rods that once drove Soviet nuclear icebreakers through the polar seas. Most are slotted into special insulation tubes. Some overheated, expanded and bent in the nuclear acci-

dents which plagued the icebreaker fleet. With cavalier insouciance to the danger, Russian workmen went in with sledgehammers in an attempt to force tĥem nightmare down the tubes. They shattered and fell to the bottom of the Lepse's storage hold, where they now lie. emitting huge doses of

lethal radiation. The Soviet authorities simply covered the converted hold with a thick layer of concrete, hoping the problem would go away. They planned to tow the ship out and scuttle her. But since Chernobyl the Russians have become acutely concerned by their appalling nuclear safety record. In-

called for Western help. Experts from Britain's Atomic Energy Authority are among those contracted to open the rusting hold, send in robots to extract the lethal rods, encase them in glass and dispose of them

stead, the directors of the

icebreaker fleet have now

deen in Siberia. Meanwhile, the ship remains moored in the narrow, fog-bound channel in Russia's far north. A collision with the submarines. ships using Russia's main ice-free port, could trigger a nuclear eatastrophe. It is the sort of disaster that Western environmentalists believe could now happen in scores of ageing reactors across the former Soviet Union. This is the nightmare that brought Presideot Clinton, John Major

most powerful nations to Moscow at the weekend to offer President Yeltsin help in cleaning up and making safe his polluted country.

Murmansk, the destina

tion for the wartime Arctic convoys, is a desolate place. Scarred by shoddy postwar reconstruction, it is a city that grew rich on the secretive Soviet military buildup, but now lives in fear of the deadly radiation it thinks will leak from the 185 nuclear reactors — submarine, civilian and military - scattered around the region. The radioactivity dumped off the Murmansk coast accounts for two thirds of all the radioactive waste ever dumped in all

the oceans of the world. The Lepse has become a symbol of a nuclear problem. The genial captain has grown used to the crude

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radioactive gling from a rope on the He quayside. now barely notices the nearby Lenin, the former icebreaker and pride of Khrushchev's Soviet Union, that 30 years ago kept the northern sea routes to Japan

open all winter. The ship stands, rusty and forlorn. waiting to be scrapped. The Soviet attitude to nuclear safety was even more alarming then: after the reactor overheated, they cut a hole in the hull and dropped it in the ocean.

The icebreaker fleet is now more modern. The Russians showed off their latest Finnish-built ship, her nuclear heart encased in glass and constantly checked. But where will the spent fuel rods be stored? The old storage tanks are full, the sea is now out of bounds and the land is too contaminated.

The civilian fleet admits its nuclear problems, at least. The worry is the submarine fleet of more than 70 boats is idling in harbour, with the old nuclear reactors still intact and still dangerous. The navy would like Western help, but does not welcome prying eyes. I toured the old harbour on a bleak dark day last October, in future, the most dangerous waste dumps may be off-limits. Few will then know what dangers still lurk there .

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### en years after Chernobyl Piers Paul Read looks at how the disaster helped to topple the Soviet regime

THE sound of the explosion that took place in the No 4 reactor of the V. I. Lenin nuclear power station in northern Ukraine ten years ago stil echoes around the world. The name of the nearby market town of Chernobyl has come to signify in the public mind an unacceptable level of risk in nuclear power.

There is no doubt that the consequences of the accident are grave for those involved. An increase in the incidence of thyroid cancer among children in the affected regions was predicted and has come about. According to early estimates by the British National Radiological Protection Board, it will cause around 30,000 addidonal cancers in Russia and Western Europe over the next 40 years.

While the environmental consequences of Chernobyl have preoccupied us, the political effects have been largely ignored. Yet in historical terms, Chernobyl may be one of those rare instances where an event is both symbolic of a major change and instrumental in bringing it about.

The explosion in the No 4 reactor was not just a dramatic image of what subsequently happened to the Soviet Union. but undoubtedly made many millions of hitherto loyal Soviet citizens realise that they had been deceived. The superiority of Soviet science was a basic tenet of Communist belief. The nuclear industry, like the space programme, was a proof of the pudding. Among those most pro-foundly shocked, and subse-

quently disillusioned, by the accident at Chernobyl was the political leadership at the time. Both Mikhail Gorbachev, the Party Secretary, and Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, were relative newcomers to the Central Comminee. Gorbachev had been General Secretary for little more than a year. Ryzhkov, who was immediately made head of the commission appointed to deal with the consequences of the accident, had risen to his present position through economic planning and industrial management. He knew nothing about nuclear power. Nor did any of the other party leaders. For decades the

hidden from public view on the ground of state security. When Stalin first decided to build a nuclear bomb, he had put the enterprise in the hands of Lavrenty Beria, the head of the NKVD. Even when it was decided to use the plutoniumproducing nuclear reactors to generate electricity, they remained for many years under

the control of Beria's deceptive-



Suffering: child victims of the Chernobyl disaster pictured in hospital in Sofia in 1991. Cancer cases rose after the explosion at the nuclear reactor

# A system that failed

ly named "Ministry of Medi-um Machine Building" - in fact a vast empire incorporating gulags and diamond mines, and with intimate connections with the KGB. At the time of the accident at

Chernobyl, the three men at the head of this state within a state were all around 90 years old. Efim Slavsky, the Minister of Medium Machine Building, had fought in the civil

leksandr Alexand rov, director of the nuclear Kurchatov Institute, had succeeded Ignor Kurchatov himself, the father of the Soviet atom bomb, and was now President of the Academy of Sciences - a position in the Soviet system of unassailable authority and prestige. Nikolai Dollezhal, the designer of the Chernobyl reactor, remained at the head of his Institute of Nuclear Design.

it was impossible to believe that these legendary heroes of Soviet science had been incompetent, and equally impossible to explain the accident if they

The first reaction was defensive. The initial announcement of the accident by Tass stated that this was the first accident in a Soviet nuclear power station while in the United States 2,300 accidents, breakdowns and other faults were registered in 1979 alone".

To the liberals on the Central Committee such as Aleksandr Yakovlev, the accident at Chernobyl proved the urgent need to implement their policy of glasnost and perestroika. The differences between Yakovley, head of the Party's propaganda depart-ment, and Yegor Ligachev. head of the party's ideological department, over the line to be taken over Chernobyl whether to admit to errors or cover them up - were caught

between liberals and conservatives on the committee. In the end Yakoviev appeared to triumph. Articles

appeared in Pravda ascribing the accident to the incompetence of the operators, and the negligence of the plant's director. Viktor Brukhanev. The political implications were clear. It was not Soviet Communism that was at fault but Brezhnev's "era of stagna-tion". Had there been glasnost and perestroika the accident would not have happened. Brukhanev and others from the power station were tried and sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment. No evidence was allowed to show that the reactors themselves had an intrinsically dangerous

the Soviet show trials. This apparent candour over Chemobyl was not enough to re-establish confidence in the Soviet system. Ouite the contrary. All the latest opposition

design. Theirs was the last of

formed around the "non-political" issues of ecology and the environment. In December 1987, members of the Ukrainian Writers' Union formed a group called Green World to discuss environmental issues. By 1988 it had secured 20,000

signatures on a petition

against nuclear power.

embership Green World grew from 30 to 500,000 and in the spring of 1989 its leader. Yuri Shcherbak, defeated the official Communist Party candidate for a seat in the Congress of People's Deputies in Moscow. The same phenomenon occurred in Lithuania where the first manifestation of nationalist sentiment came in the form of mass demonstrations against the nuclear

power station at Ignalina. In Ukraine and Belorussia, nationalists spread alarm and despondency among the popuscientists had lied and the Soviet Government was leaving them to rot in contaminated territory. Government radiation specialists were vilified and frequently went in fear of their lives.

Once Ukraine had gained its independence, membership of Green World dwindled; and after exhaustive research Western scientists judged that if anything Soviet scientists had erred on the side of caution. But by then Gorbachev had been replaced and the Soviet Union dissolved. dissolved.

Chemobyl may not turn out to have been a prime cause d its dissolution, but it had proved to be an effective stick with which to belabour the Communist system, and also a cause of profound disillusion in many million Soviet citizen's who, until April 26, 1986, had accepted without question that Communism worked.

Piers Paul Read is the author of

A worrying new virus joins the hepatitis alphabet

cal struggle

### On the trail of G

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YEARS ago, there was hepatitis. Today there is a positive alphabet soup of different forms of the disease, the latest of which hepatitis G - has only recently loomed over the horizon.

tt was first described a year ago by a team from Abbott Laboratories in north Chicago, but the evidence is that it has been lurking in the undergrowth for decades. The sample from which they isolated it was taken from a surgeon, identified only as GB,

who developed a mysterious inflammation of the liver in 1964. Over the years the Abbott team Hawkes had tried to infect various species with the virus, but only a tamarin monkey ever succumbed. Recently, Science News reports, they tried to identify it using the

tools of modern molecular genetics. They took blood from healthy tamarins, and then infected the animals before taking a second sample. Then they used a method called representational difference analysis (RDA) to compare the blood before and after infection, to try to identify DNA sequences present in the diseased creatures but absent

from the healthy ones. They found not one virus but two, both belonging to the same genus as the viruses that cause hepatitis C. yellow fever and dengue fever. They later found another related virus in people from West Africa, where hepatitis is

This is potentially alarming, because hepatitis C is a nasty virus which in a fifth of infected people eventually destroys the liver. Might these new viruses be responsible for many unexplained cases of liver damage?

One such case was investigated by Dr Jungsuh Kim, of Genelabs Technologies in Redwood, Cali-fornia, who isolated a virus from an American parient that numed out to be nearly identical to the one from the West African patient. The team reported in Science in January that the virus has a global distribution and is present in blood donors in the US.

Evidence from the Abbon team agrees that it is widespread, found in I to 2 per cent of US blood donors, higher than the levels of hepatitis B or C. It has also been found in drug users and haemophiliacs, as well as in patients who have had blood

transfusions. No test yet exists, though you can be sure that both Abbon and Genelabs are working on one. What remains unknown is whether this virus is the cause of serious disease or not.

It certainly can be, as a Japanese team has shown. They looked at six cases of a progressive form of hepatitis in which the liver ultimately fails, and identified the G virus in three of them. They reported in The Lancet last October that the course of the disease was slow.

This raises the possibility that G may be a sleeper, rather like C which for years was not thought dangerous. Rates of blood-borne hepatins infection are falling rather than rising, which does not suggest that a heparitis G epidemic is under way. But it could be lurking unnoticed in many people with no obvious signs of ill-health. Dr Arie Zuckerman of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine in London says a lot more work is needed to establish whether it is a clinical threat or not.

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one 90 per cent of the time. But then he allowed a female guppy to observe another female flirting with a rather dingier male. When the

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voyeuse was later given the choice between a bright and a less-bright mate, she too opted for the quieter one. This worked only within limits: the difference in the area of orange on the male's body had to

be no greater than about 24 per ceni. If the difference was as

much as 40 per cent, then basic instinct reasserted itself and the female went for the brighter male. The experiments show that mate choice in fish, as in people, is a blend of genes and culture. To say more than that might risk a charge of male chauvinism.

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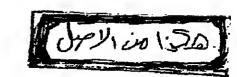
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## The invisible Woman

ou've got a ladder in your tights, says a passing MP. Marga-ret Barken tubers ret Beckett (whose hosiery is invariably snagfree) smiles politely, aware that the vision of her sitting chatting on the steps outside the House of Commons is unusual enough to attract comment.

But then, these days, positive sightings of Mrs Beckett are so rare that one fears she may soon become the subject of a David Attenborough documentary. Is she, you wonder, the political equivalent of the endangered white rhino? Have they recast her as the Miss Havisham of the Shadow front bench, attired in the garb of her glory days as caretaker leader and locked away in some dusty Westminster attic? Why was a Free Margaret Beckett" carnpaign launched? Has she simply ceased to exist?

But no. Here she is, large as life, brisk, friendly and look-ing purposefully forward to this week, when her industrial policy document, Labour's post-election blueprint, moves on to its last consultation

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stages. She has, you suggest, seemed awfully quiet of late. Well, my natural instinct is to shy away from publicity. I'd rather get no coverage than anything which is harmful to the party. I sometimes think I'm the opposite of Edwina. She likes coverage, whatever it is. I'm more

The reasons for her seeming obscurity are more complex, though, than any lack of desire to write steamy bestsellers or be the queen of the Today programme. Naturally, the burning issue she prefers to address is her enthusiasm for her current job as Shadow Trade and Industry spokesman. "It's the one I would have chosen if anyone had asked - which, of course, they never do."

Why not, after all she has done for Labour? "Party leaders don't ask. It's a bit like the Army. Go where you're sent."

In Mrs Becken's case, Sibetion. She says now that she knew from the first that her bid for the leadership and the deputy's job was doomed. "I expected Tony and John to win. I fully accepted that I Margaret Beckett, former deputy Labour leader, explains why she preferred working for John Smith. Interview by Mary Riddell

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Brown capitalising on the

flaws of the privatised utili-

ties. She pais that one away

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Where once she was stri-

dent (she called Neil Kinnock

a Judas over his refusal to

endorse Tony Benn for the

deputy leadership), now she is

conciliatory. Where once she

was powerful, now she gives

the impression of one hang-

ing grimly on to the Blair

edifice, while fingers clutching the window ledge as the

woman.

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Barbara

New

for peppers in Ribérac market, she went

It was not a question of age

- she is 53 - or intellect. Nor

does she lack support, for she

was top of the last Shadow

Cabinet poll. Yet it was al-

most inevitable that on Mr

Blair's accession she would be

It is equally certain that

Margaret Beckett was bred to

tough it out. The child of a

carpenter who died, after a

long illness, when she was 12.

she grew up in a household

overshadowed by that sor-

row. One of ber sisters be-

came a nun, the other a

psychiatrist. Margaret

trained as a metallurgist be-

fore rising to become Shadow

Chief Secretary to the

ways belied her skills. When I

first met her, years ago, she

retained all the trappings of

the housewife superstar. A

neat little pot of hand cream

sat on her desk. Leo - her

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Mrs Beckett was

never, in appear-

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might end up out of the Shadow Cabinet, out of the NEC and on the back

benches." But that was never likely. In John Smith's lifetime, Mrs Beckett had been accused of disloyalty over her lukewarm endorsement of his one-man one-vote reforms. After his death, she, his deputy, mourned him in the House CI wept buckets as I wrote that statement. I went over it again and again, and the only time I got through it without crying was in the chamber") and then got on with it.

Reward was inevitable for a party goes on inside. good job bravely done. The Home Office portfolio, 'It's a bit everyone said, but she never believed like the it. "I read lots of reports saying I would get it but none of them quoted Tony Army . . . you go Blair. Instead she where you went to Health. and the poisonous are sent whispers began.

Her policy docu-ment. Health 2000, was a dampish squib. But no other member of the Shadow Cabinet was subjected to such thinly-veiled criticism from the powerful staff of the leader's office.

Was she aware of that sniping? "Certainly I was conscious that it was a very delicate portíolio ..."

he is careful, aware that one dainty black stiletto-step too far will create problems. But is it not true that she, in the one-of-us climate of new Labour, is simply not part of the cabal? "Well, it's different now. Then I was at the heart of everything that was happening. I used to say I was part of every committee God ever sent. But having your

rewards." Yet still you sense that, even heading her own department. she is the ham sandwiched between Mr Blair wooing American bankers and Brit-

husband, office manager and number one cheerleader was packing her belongings into a flowered vinyl shop-

ping bag. Their marriage, doubtless stormy at its inception, since the first Mrs Beckett was still around when they met, appears one of the cosiest in politics. Splendid to have such a soul-mate in the climb to power. But surely, once the leadership was lost and the Becketts retired to the caravan they bought to console themselves, for her defeat, their joint commitment must have made it even harder to escape the pressures?

"No, not at all. We're in it together. I would never have stood for the leadership if Leo hadn't told me it was the right thing to do. After John died. I asked him do you think I can do the job? He was so supportive."

fter John died ... she says it often, and she misses him still. He was such good Where Labour company and such a strong got the Follett personality. Neil sometimes seemed to lack confidence, makeover, she John never did."

It is all so different now. When you ask her which leader she preferred, you expect her — tactful as always loring. Where - to devise a polite, pro-Blair formula. But she does not hesitate. Without any discredit to anyone else, working for John was the easiest. He gave people space, responsi-

> Margaret Beckett must mourn such freedoms, although she intends no invidious comparisons. "Tony is very, very talented. He will be brilliant Prime Minister and the sooner he is, the better." And what will Margaret be then? In the same job, she hopes. But she never prejudges things.

"I'm a natural pessimist. I always prepare myself for the worst in the hope that nothing worse can befall me than what I have anticipated."

Once she dreamt, but that is not a luxury she can permit herself these days. She does not even know whether, given the boundary changes, she will hold her seat at the next general election. And what would she do if it all turned to dust? No plans, she says.



Outside looking in: Margaret Beckett has faded gracefully from the limelight under Tony Blair's new Labour

### If it's cardamom, this must be Kensington

FENUGREEK, cardamom, nurmeric, paprika, cayenne pepper — chances are you've got whole rows of them in matching jars on your splen-did Habitat stripped-pine spice rack, but you probably can't even pronounce half of them. Most of the time, you only ever use mixed herbs and a dash of black pepper in your

But spices are more traumatic than you ever thought, for not only are they culinarily challenging, they send out a litany of complicated social signals. Choosing spices is a life choice. They may have always had mythological sig-nificance, but in the 1990s your spice rack, unassuming as it appears, says more about your style and class than the state of your curries. There is definitely a class

thing attached to spices," Deborah Cunningham, a researcher for the British Pepper and Spice Company, says. Our research has shown there is a lot of one-upmanship attached to spice racks. People put certain spices oo them to impress their neighbours and friends when they



come round. They want to give the impression that they're accomplished cooks when actually they never use them. The ones that are used and have finger marks all over them are shoved randomly in the cupboard."

If it's cardamom it must be Kensington, if it's mild and hot chilli powder, it's Burnley. There's a lot of posturing over spices. People like to be fashionable. A while ago it was all curry powders, where as now Mexican and chilli blends are all the rage," says Martin Muggeridge from

Lyon foods. There's also a lot of competition between husbands and wives when it comes to spices," Ms Cunningham says. "Partners can be secretive, using spices as a kind of signature, and they won't tell each other about their special

That simple spice rack is a war zone. At least chillis are supposed to stimulate the stomach defences. If you're lucky, it might defend you against snooty neighbours

and a stale marriage as well.

And it is not only your social structure that shows Research in America suggests they sav a lot about your love life as well. There is a correlation between the number of spices on your rack and the number of years you've been married. Twenty-year-old fus-ty spices and, well, 20-year-old fusty marriage, it seems. On the other hand, provided they have dark, cool conditions, spices will keep," Mr

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■ There are times when a need is obvious, but neither money nor any kind of help seems able to meet it.

t was nearly midnight. He was sitting alone on the London-bound platform at Hither Green station, a can of Boddington's ale on the bench beside him. The last train to Charing Cross was late, 20 minutes late the stationmaster has just told me.

"The train's delayed," I said to the young man with the Boddington's, "they say it will be another ten minutes now." He asked me if I knew when the last Bakerloo Tube ran; we discussed his chances of catching it and I told him about the night buses from Trafalgar Square. There was nothing untoward about him, no warning signs. Indeed there was nothing unusual at all except that his smile - he had a ready smile - looked older than his years. It was a comprehending smile. with a slight sharpness behind the eyes, and also a tolerant weariness. The train arrived and I sat down

opposite him. We talked. I think he did not recognise me; he asked me nothing about myself. I asked what took him to London.

Perhaps

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"I'm flat-hunting tomorrow," he said, 'Saturday's the only time you can. I've got temporary lodging at Kilburn. Starting a new job next

when they "I suppose if I choose to say systems anahang on to lyst you'll be looking for the their money anorak. Not for the only

time I noticed him scanning anything to help someone, if my reaction carefully while you could help them. If a he spoke. For the first time I realised he was a little drunk - though fully in control. It is odd how drink can lend people a special alertness to the reactions they are eliciting. I'm beginning to bore

you," he said, "but computers are my passion. If the other person doesn't underplain. I was brilliant at computer games when I was a kid. Then I discovered girls and sort of lost it. I didn't work for my degree at Keele. Wasted rime. Stupid. Now I'm with this software company but I start with a new one on Monday and it's better. I won't need a car, you see."

"Won't need a car?" "I lost my licence six months ago for four years. Drink-driving. Stupid. My accidents have all been when I'm sober, but the

law's the law and I've only myself to blame." "Why don't you stop?"
"Well, t'm sorting our accommodation, and once that's sorted there's the job to get into. I'm looking

forward to this job. I'm very good at it." "But why not stop drinking now?"

"I've got to get the other things sorted out first."
"Why? You could stop

He paused. "I couldn't. Or smoking. But I will. Apparently you can get a

couple of years' driving ban. You have to get a psychiatrist to explain you've really changed and they do a blood test. There are things in the blood, you know, that show when you really have stopped. They prove it in

You seem to be worrying a lot about it, the drinking. How old are you?" Twenty-six. What do you

think about me?" "I think you might be somebody quite close to falling apart. But you're keeping the show more or less together, on the road, for the moment.

He did not respond to this, but took it with-out offence. Do your friends stick with you?" I asked.

"Not all. Some. They know me". This temporary digs.

how is it?" "More a cupboard than room. You have to leave the fridge door ajar or everything freezes solid and cracks. You can't cook. And the thing with laundry is ... well I take a load of it to my Mum in Yarmouth, But my folks keep asking me why I haven't got another car,

now the ban's "This is your second ban? And you haven't told your Mum?" He did not re-

ply. "What's your "Mark." There are moments, hopeless moments, when on impulse you would do almost

you could help them. If a few thousand pounds would have rescued Mark, I would have paid up there and then, and not wanted a word of thanks, nor ever needed to see him again. So, expect, would his Mum. So, perhaps, would his friends. But his friends.

his Mum and I were help-

less in this.

Te sneer that voters will - in secret choose low taxes rather than state spending on schemes of national improvement, but do we take sufficiently into account the voters' other secret: the quiet suspicion that state schemes of national improvement don't work? It may not be from selfishness that people would rather keep their child benefit than divers it to Gordon Brown's new Youth Training Initiative: it may be due to an unvoiced conviction unvoiced because they suspect they could be outargued, yet have the hunch they are right - that the training scheme will

achieve little.

I do not think most people are mean. I do not think t am mean. I had the strongest feeling that Mark was a good man, and unusually ntelligent. Two good, intelligent men, looking across at cach other in a latenight railway carriage on a train into Charing Cross: each, in his way, quite

### The mutiny at the Financial Times is focused on the wrong issue, on jobs rather than quality

n the late 1970s Times Newspapers had a one-year stoppage over the issues of computer typesetting and trade union power. I was Editor at the time, and I felt like St Lawrence on his grid iron. The stoppage led directly to the sale ofthe company by the Thomson family to The News Corporation: it led indirectly to the move to Wapping. and, because that reduced the cost of producing newspapers, to the start of The Independent under Andreas Whittam-Smith. So far as I can remember, the Times NUJ chapei never passed a vote of no confidence in me. Now, in much less extreme circumstances, the NUJ chapel at the Financial Times has passed a unanimous vote of no confidence in Richard Lambert, the Editor, and his deputy. I think they are being rather unfair, but something strange is

The FT is different from the rest of the daily broadsheet press in London. It is basically a financial newspaper, though with some general, cultural and even sporting coverage as the vegetables round the meat. It is a monopoly in its own sector, whereas the other four broadsheets. The Times. The Daily Telegraph. The Guardian and The Independent compete intensely with each other. It is, so far as the journalists are concerned, still a strong trade union shop, with the NUJ negotiating collectively on behalf of the staff. That is an unsatisfactory way of deciding the pay of journalists, as it means that the best journalists are bound to lose out

to the average.

The FT is also the least proprietorial of the five broadsheets. The Times and The Daily Telegraph both have proprietors, Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black, whose businesses have been self-made, who have built up their own publishing groups. They are not often interventionist in editorial decisions - indeed Conrad Black occasionally writes letters to

Serve the readers, not the institutions

his own publications to protest against decisions he has not liked but that presence adds greatly to the competitive spirit of their

The Independent is now substan-

tially controlled by the Mirror Group and that sombre Ulster spirit, David Montgomery. Despite savage costcutting, it remains a surprisingly good newspaper, still often producing news stories and features which stand up well to the competition. The Guardian has in recent years experienced a reconstruction of the editorial leadership, apparently imposed by the Guardian trustees, of whom that eminent columnist Hugo Young is Pope. This does not mean that these newspapers are simply reflections of their proprietors' attitudes — if they were, they would fail. It does mean that their journalists have a sense of being answerable; some degree of proprietorial supervision helps the most independent-minded editor to drive the Monday morning feeling out of the cracks and crevices of his newspaper, to make sure that "good enough" is not regarded as good enough. In their different ways, all four of the London general broad-sheets show this creative tension, and it makes them better newspapers. In particular, it makes them concentrate on satisfying their readers, rather than their news sources.

The FT has an ownership, the Pearson Group, but no proprietorship. From 1956, when Brendan Bracken. who was a hands-on proprietor, sold

the FT to Pearson, the owners have followed a principle of absolute journalistic freedom. Pearson has also been extremely unadventurous in entrepreneurial newspaper expansion. It could have bought The Sunday Times in 1959, The Times in 1966 and probably Times Newspapers in 1981, but in each case it chose not to do so. It has rejected, or failed to take, similar opportunities to buy other newspapers. What has this non-interventionist. neurial policy produced?

# William Rees-Mogg

It has produced a financial newspaper of some great virtues. The FT has an awesome worldwide reputation, rather like that of the Neue Zuricher Zeitung. The FT too is credited with the regularity and reliability of an expensive Swiss chronometer. Businessmen often chafe at its coverage of their own businesses, but believe what it writes about other people's. The foreign coverage is detailed, and tends to be rather politically correct.

The FT advised its readers at the last election to vote for Neil Kinnock, though few of them seem to have done so. But it is probably now the

nearest thing John Major has to a sympathetic broadsheet newspaper. After 40 years of going their own way, many of the journalists on the Financial Times have taken on some of the coloration of the bureaucracies they cover. The paper is now probably closer than any other to the Treasury, the Foreign Office, the Bank of England, the great fund management houses, the Commission in Brussels, the US State Department and the bureaucracies of power throughout the world. It does not necessarily admire the people at the head of these bodies, but it stays close to their staffs, to the solid ranks of those who draft the speeches which the ministers deliver. Not since Geoffrey Dawson went round to Downing Street has Britain had such an establishment newspaper. That did not do The Times, or its readers. much good in the 1930s.

The pattern is at once recognisable. In the United States, the major newspapers all have broadsheet monopolies in their own cities, and they are all dominated by the same combina-tion of a liberal journalistic colture and the influence of institutional sources: The New York Times. The Washington Post, the news columns (though not the leader columns) of The Wall Street Journal all reflect these professional characteristics. These newspapers do not respond to the attitudes of their readers, who themselves have to compete in a harsh world: so much as to those of the happy

campers of the bureaucratic picnic. in the past ten years, the FT has failed to foresee some of the most serious failures of its corporate contacts, and has failed to forewarn its readers. The FT did not give advance warning of the decline of the Britishmerchant banks which has resulted in Morgan Grenfell, Barings, War-burgs and Kleinworts all being said to foreign interests. In the 1950s, when I was working for the paper we would have expected to foresee what was happening in the banks, and would have regarded what Gid happen as a tragedy. The FT did not foresee the Lloyd's disaster from sands of its readers were Lloyd's names, and many have been roused by that catastrophe. The FT was wrong about the European exchange rate mechanism and failed to foresee what others did foresee; that it would be a disaster for the British economy. The issue on which the NUI chanel

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has lost confidence in the Editor is not of this kind. It is, naturally enough, their own jobs. The FT has an editorial staff of 339; there is a proposal to make 30 of them redundant, a few involuntarily. Yet the FT is undoubt-edly overstaffed. Any competent editor could produce the paper with a staff of well under 300, but any competitive editor would be able to raise the standards. In the 1950s, which were for the FT a golden age of good journalism and rising profits. good journalism and rising production the Lex column had a staff of two and a reputation for brilliance; it now has a staff of five and a reputation for

What the FT needs is a strong competitor — a serious financial paper which is closer to its readers than to its news sources, which is: entrepreneurial rather than corporatist in spirit. Sunday Business shows that there is still a spirit of emerprise in business newspapers. What the FT needs, but would not like, is a daily competitor backed by a group with real resources.

# Less grim than he's painted

Peter Riddell

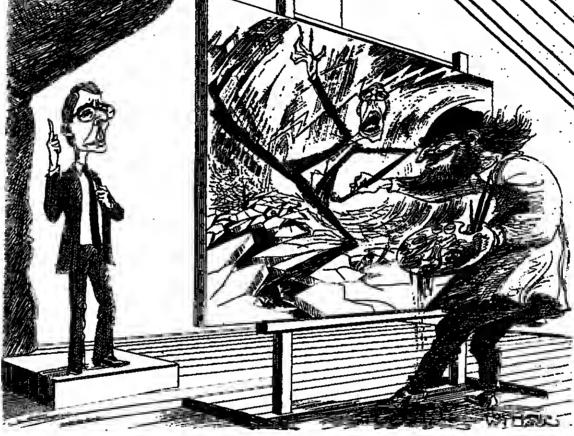
says the Tories should make more modest, but plausible claims

he case for the Major Gov-ernment is largely going by default — squeezed out by the wholesale condemnation of the fashionable Left and made implausible by the strident partisanship of Tory propagandists. There is a case for the Government, but it only sounds even half credible when prelute lerms, as a least bad rather than

best option. Politicians regard the admission of error or doubl as a sign of weakness. Only total certainty is acceptable in public. One of the few times when I have heard public candour from a senior minister was in the 1979 election, when I accompanied Denis Healey for a day. This was before the era of minders and heavy security.

On the train back to London, a scruffy young man asked for advice as a first-time voter. Healey gave the frankest assessment that I heard during the campaign. He underestimated then, as later, the extent to which the post-war social democrat approach had run into the sand, and failed to see that it was no longer possible, or desirable, to base policy on deals with the unions. But he balanced the flaws of the Labour Government against what he saw as the threat to consensus and social cohesion presented by Margaret

Thatcher. What would such a "warts and all" case look like now? It would start by admitting both that the Major Government has had to spend a lot of time sorting out the Thatcher legacy, and that the choices facing any modern government are constrained by financial markets, social trends, inherited programmes and public attitudes. Of course, governments



can make a difference over time, but it will be more marginal than

The Major Government is best seen as an unheroic and at times muddled attempt to manage adversecircumstances and an increasingly fractious party. It can point to the lowest inflation and interest rates for . 30 years, lower unemployment than in most of the rest of Europe, and, thanks to privarisation, lower energy and phone costs. Big mistakes have been made, and the Government has been slow to address the fears created by greater economic insecurity and labour market flexibility. Mr Major is partly to blame for the relaxation of public spending controls in the late 1980s and early 1990s. But in the last three years the Government has tightly constrained the growth of spending, so that its share of national

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

income is falling. The Tories have introduced overdue shake-ups in health and education, and taken decisions to reduce the growth of the social security budget so that Britain is in a much better position on pensions than, say, Germany, Many of the longer-term underlying dilemmas about the rising demand for public services remain, so the Tories can only really contain the growth of the overall tax burden. Talk of tax reductions is largely hollow, since over time any cuts in income tax will be offset by increases in other taxes.

Labour would, however, find it hard to hold down spending and hence taxes, despite the assurances offered by Gordon Brown now. Labour has opposed most specific mea-

sures to save spending, while public-sector unions and interest groups would be pressing for increases. But any rises under Labour would probably not be large. So the real choice is not between high and low spending and taxes, but between relatively

higher or lower levels. The real doubt is not over Labour's commitment to cautious fiscal and monetary policies, but about whether it would be as keen in practice to improve competitiveness. The Tories vastly exaggerate the current signifi-cance of the Briush opt-out from the EU's social chapter, and Tony Blair is right that it is only a set of principles. He may not want to import higher labour costs and rigidities from the Continent, but if Britain signed the chapter, it would be bound by decisions taken by qualified majority voting: the impact would depend

on how far Britain could persuade : other countries.

Differences over further integration of say, foreign, defence and home affairs policies in Europe are,\_\_ in practice, small. The real gap is over attitudes, and how far the Tories can any longer pursue an effective European policy. They have a mini-malist, lowest common denominator: approach to keep the party together. The cynical pro-European case, implicitly Malcolm Rifkind's, is that, whatever we say now, nothing of-substance has been conceded to the sceptics, and that if the Tories win the: election, Britain will be free to reach. agreements at the inter-governmen-tal conference. But that understates party strains and existing suspicion of Britain. The promise of a referendum on a single currency has encouraged, rather than appeared. Sir Redwood and Norman Lamont are now making friendly gestures towards him.

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The Tories' dichard defence of the purity of the constitution, the Union. the House of Lords and the Crown against Labour's wild radicalism also sounds unconvincing from a party which has so centralised power since 1979. Far better to admit past failings over local government and to appear as commonsense reformers, opening up the working of Whitehall and reducing secrecy, improving stan-dards in public life via the Nolan inquiry and giving consumers of public services more rights through the Citizen's Charter. This is a better base from which to argue against the all-or-nothing reformers.

The Major Government has not been nearly as bad as Labour and some right-wing Tories claim. Its economic record stands up well in comparison with the final Thatcher, administration and with many governments overseas. It can also offer a degree of experience and, more ambiguously, competence to weigh against the risks of an almost wholly untried Blair ministerial team. But a safety-first appeal probably will not be enough in face of public weariness. with a party in office for so long. The Tories may simply have run out of time - as many ministers privately

### Net result

AT Prince Harry's prep school last night, his grandmother was not the only subject of a shrill-pitched toasi. Pupils at Ludgrove raised a cup of cocoa to a master whose physical achievement almost makes the Marathon look a breeze.

Mark Semmence, who takes Harry for history and cricket, has broken the record for playing consecutively on every real tennis court in the land. He and a partner competed on 19 courts, scattered across Britain from Hampton Court to Fife, in a gruelling 32 hours and 32 minutes, knocking more than two hours off the existing record.

The pair had to drive like the clappers between courts, and the whole escapade was nearly written off when their car packed up. After three hours of struggling with the gearbox the RAC came up with a replacement car to finish the trip. by which time they were swiping at imaginary balls, dizzy with exhaustion. "We were shattered by the end, and it did get quite competitive. I won in the end," yawned Semmence, above the hubbub of small boys. "We had a huge hamper of food with us and we snacked on roast chicken and cheese to keep our energy up."

The feat is believed to have

excited the interest of Prince Edward, a real tennis nul who made a televison series about the game and whose relationship with Sophie Rhys-Jones blossomed on the court.



"Nice one! I ran the Marathon as Mr Blobby

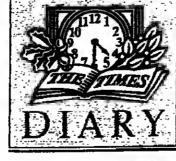
 Having passed on the baton of organising the London Marathon to others last year, Chris Brasher, the founder of the race, had time to enjoy the spectacle from the roadside yesterday. In shorts and singlet he trotted along the course shouting encouragement to participants, and even managed to ensure there was a glass of champagne for one thirsty friend as he passed a pub along the route.

Study first

YOUNGER blades in the House of Lords will be disappointed to hear that there is not, after all, to be a new baby of the House. Lord Gretton, who became eligible to take his seal when he turned 21 last week. has declined to do so. His mother. Lady Gretton, says he has far too much studying to do. "I shouldn't think he will be taking it because he's at college for the next two years. Then I'm sure it's something he will consider."

Hop spring

KENSINGTON PALACE IS twitching with sexual tension. The Princess of Wales's staff are amused by reports that the cold

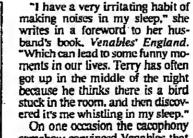


winter has prevented rabbits nationally from breeding as they are supposed to; for the lawns of the house are overrun with extremely bouncy bunnies.

"It's the biggest population explosion for years," says a palace flopsy-watcher. So enthusiastic are the displays of fecundity that colonies of voyeurs have been gathering, wet noses to the gates, towatch the action.

Noises off

POOR OLD Terry Venables is cursed by sleepless nights. It is not. however, the agony of team selection or forthcoming court battles that are tormenting the red-eyed England coach, but the nocturnal behaviour of his wife, Yvette.



On one occasion the cacophony somehow convinced Venables that a convict was on the loose in the garden. "Armed with the rod we use to open our skylight windows, Terry crept down the stairs followed by me, hobbling - at the

Yvette: sound asleep

time I had my leg in plaster as I was recovering from a knee operation. He opened the front door and leapt into the bushes brandishing the rod, but no one was there. Of course, it dawned on me that it had been me making sounds in my sleep again."

Is the strain beginning to, Tel?

 Any grip on reality had clearly been lost by bidders in an auction in Bad Oldesloe. Germany, at the weekend. Someone paid £8,000 for a suit that once belonged to Hitler. Idi Amin's underpants went for a more modest £400, and sulmon pink knickers once worn by Eva Braun made just £260.

### Red alert

JOHN PRESCOTT will be pleased that his favourite pop star at least is happy to toe the party line. Mick Hucknall's band, Simply Red, was actually named after Manchester United, but he has always been open about voting Labour, and has asked Tony Blair for a role in the general election effort.

Blair's agent, John Burton, is dealing with the request. "I'm sure we can find something for Mick to do. Tony will be getting in touch." he says. Best bet is that Hucknall



Hucknall: happy to help

will be briefed by "snake-hips" Prescott, who loves a smooth with his wife to Hucknall's ballads.

● A figure hopped onto a District Line train in London the other day. sat down and opened a pocket German grammar. Turning to a fellow passenger he confided slightly desperately: "I've just got back from holiday. I've forgotten all my German." He needs to pull his finger out. For the swotting traveller was Christopher Meyer, the Prime Minister's former press secretary. who takes over in July as our man in Bonn.

Jey 100 150.



Hymns that help

From Mr Philip J. Duke

o*f life* (Frank Mason North).

Helsby. Warrington. Cheshire.

Sir, Mrs Hughes may agree that a couple of phrases from Hills of the

North rejoice are appropriate. Lo. from the North they come, from East

and West and South" and, for less

congested times, "He comes to reign

with boundless sway, And makes

Sir. When my youngest daughter married, and I did what is expected of

fathers, a friend suggested Hymns

Ancient and Modern, no 350, with

emphasis on verse four: "Be present,

awful Father, to give away this bride."

retraining as a plumber, verse two of

no 300 might be suitable: "Crown

Him, ye morning stars of light, Who fix'd this floating ball."

For the tax inspectors' new self-assessment scheme? "Take my silver

and my gold. Not a mite will I with-

hold" (from Sankey's Sacred Songs),

Yours faithfully,

FRITZ SPIEGL

Liverpool 8.

April 13.

4 Windermere Terrace,

Now that my middle daughter is

their wastes His great highway."

Downley, High Wycombe,

ing hart fly home."

Sincerely, PHILIP J. DUKE.

April 15.

Yours etc.

April 14

ANN BUXTON.

8 Gosling Grove,

Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Fritz Spiegl

3 Hawkstone Grove,

From Mrs Ann Buxton

upon life's journey

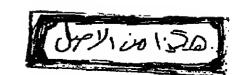
Sir. Mrs Ann Hughes (letter, April 13), fearful of the M5/M6 interchange, would do well to consider a Methodisi

hymn. Where cross the crowded ways

If this fails she could use the great hymn by Charles Wesley. Come, O Thou Traveller unknown, which con-

tains the encouraging lines, "I leap for

joy, pursue my way. And as a bound-





### DARKNESS IN DAMASCUS

Even Israel knows disconcertingly little about Assad's goals

As Warren Christopher shuttles between Jerusalem and Damascus conjuring optimism out of air. his mission bears not only on Hezbollah and Israel's Operation Grapes of Wrath, but on the wider Middle Eastern drama to which Lebanon's civilians have again become the tragic chorus. He has said. wisely, that the US wants not just a ceasefire but "an enduring set of understandings" to prevent any return to this month's carnage.

At the least, these would have to be not just understandings but written agreements. They would have to impose credible curbs on Hezbollah, tighter than those contained in the informal rules negotiated by Mr Christopher in 1993. Even before Hezbollah tore up this rulebook by resuming rocket attacks on Israel, it was playing foul, exploiting Israel's pledge not to attack Lebanese villages by using them as bases from which to launch attacks. But if American mediation is to address Israel's underlying security dilemma, there must be a guaranteed end to all Hezbollah guerrilla action against Israel. Israel has repeatedly stated that if this were achieved, it would be willing to withdraw from the "security zone" which it occupies in southern Lebanon.

To be convincing, such a guarantee would have to be underwritten by the man who wields ultimate power in Lebanon - Syria's President Assad. With around 35,000 Syrian troops and perhaps a million civilians in Lebanon, Mr Assad does not lack the power to curb Hezbollah. In the middle of a taul Israeli election campaign, he understood perfectly that Israeli retaliation against Hezbollah's rockets was bound to be ferocious. He rightly anticipated that it would only be a matter of time before international protests swelled and America hastened to convert danger into opportunity before Arab outrage froze the Middle East peace process.

The possibility exists that such a freeze is just what Mr Assad wants - that, and the bonus of reinforcing his claim, dented by Israel's peace with Jordan and the progress on the Palestinian issue, that there could never be peace in the Middle East without Syria. He is a dictator of extreme cunning. whose every move is conditioned by his determination to retain power. After the death of his eldest son he needs time to groom his second son for the succession. But disconcertingly little is known, in Washington and even in Israel, about what he calculates will best serve this purpose.

Recovery of the Golan Heights in a peace deal with Israel would be genuinely popular. but peace could bring in its wake demands for more freedoms at home. Mr Assad may calculate that a continued state of war with Israel, which he could use to justify his draconian rule, is less risky. If he wants to stall the negotiations, a Likud victory in the elections would suit his purpose.

Each rocket that hits Kiryat Shmona sharpens Israeli public anxiety about giving up the Golan Heights and swells the potential Likud vote. Even if Mr Peres wins, each attack makes it harder for any Israeli government to negotiate peace. But Syria does not hold every card. It has invested heavily in stabilising Lebanon. Israel's ruthless campaign has sent 400,000 refugees flooding north into Beirut and destroyed key installations. By Israel's own admission, its aim is to destabilise the country once more and to scare off investors. By raising the cost to Syria of supporting Hezbollah, it hopes to propel it back to the negotiating table.

If Mr Assad fears peace more than war. such considerations will not sway him. Yesterday in Jerusalem, all that Mr Christopher could report was that the Syrian President might possibly be prepared to confirm the 1993 pact in writing - an offer so inadequate that Mr Peres cannot but refuse. Unless Mr Assad curbs Hezbollah, his reputation as a sponsor of terrorism and an enemy of peace stands. If he wishes to be interpreted otherwise, he must begin to address Israel's legitimate security concerns, in Lebanon today and, ultimately, on the Golan Heights.

### THE T-WORD

Who are the rich, and what is tax for?

John Prescott told Clare Short yesterday to stick to agreed Labour policy or get out of the Shadow Cabinet, a perfectly reasonable injunction save for one awkward fact. On tax, Labour has no policy to which to stick. As one Labour spokesman noted in response to Tory charges that Ms Short had revealed the party's secret policy on tax: "You cannot reveal a secret it it does not exist

As the election approaches, Labour leaders will come under growing pressure over taxes: and the worst of this pressure may come not from the media and the Tories but from the unreconstructed advocates of income redistribution on Labour's own left wing, Gordon Brown may have promised that Labour would never again "tax for the sake of taxing", but many traditional socialists - including Ms Short, if she were free to express herself - believe in precisely that. They find wealth "obscene", particularly in a society where millions are still poor, and they believe that drastically narrowing the gap between rich and poor is one of the main functions of taxation. The problem for Labour with this doctrine is twofold.

First, there is strong evidence that the doctrine of income redistribution, which used to be accepted even by Conservative politicians in the 1960s, is no longer endorsed as a general principle by the voters. Phrases from that era such as "soak the rich" - crudely, but nonetheless aptly, labelled by Tories as the politics of envy - now sound decidedly dated. One of the great services performed for Britain by Margaret Thatcher was to make material success and wealth respectable and even admirable again.

Labour's second problem is that even those voters who still want to tax the rich as an end in itself disagree on who the rich are. Ms Short, for example, seems to believe that

it takes only £35,000 a year to be rich in today's Britain. But this would be strongly contested by the many teachers, policemen, and other public servants who earn such a sum already, or hope to earn it as they climb the ladder of promotion. And even higher incomes of £50,000 or £100.000 are now within the reach of many civil servants; doctors, and managers whose hiestyles and socia standing have nothing in common with the tiny band of film stars, entrepreneurs and aristocrats to whom the adjective "rich" can unambiguously be applied.

Most people today understand that income inequalities are not simply the result of one group of people exploiting another in a zero-sum class war over the national wealth. Inequality is caused by the market economy, but is also a condition for its success. The market economy adds to the wealth of the nation, making even its poorest members far better off than they would be in an egalirarian socialist state. In a mixed economy, the purpose of taxaoon is not to eradicate inequality, but to help people who cannot earn an adequate living in the market, and to pay for services that may be best provided by the State, such as education and health.

Mr Blair seems to have understood this distinction between levelling and social provision. He claims to be proud of living in a country where hard-working people can "become rich". Much of his party, however, still clings to the Marxist view that if the rich are rich it must be at the expense of the poor. To judge by Mr Blair's fears of an uncontrollable backlash from such Levellers on his back benches, the biggest battle for the soul of the Labour Party may still lie ahead. It could prove a disaster for Britain, and for Mr Blair, if this battle is only joined in earnest after Labour comes to power.

### A TRUE NOTE

Music's ambassador to the world turns 80 today

Yehudi Menuhin, the infant prodigy who astonished audiences and captivated Elgar, Toscanini and other musical giants when the world was still recovering from the First World War, today celebrates his 80th birthday. At Saturday's special concert in the Albert Hall, reviewed on page 13, the musical world paid tribute to the century's most famous violinist.

Perhaps more than any living artist, Yehudi Menuhin is music's ambassador to the world. There is scarcely a capital in which he has not played, an honorary degree or decoration he does not hold or a statesman he has not met Britain can be proud that this American-born offspring of Russian Jewish immigrants who spent his boyhood on trains puffing across America from one performance to another and has rarely spent more than 40 days in one place, eventually settled here. It was only when he recently became a citizen, however, that Britain was able to honour him - with a knighthood and then a peerage - for what he has given his adopted country: his celebrated violin school, the Bath festival that he directed and his Live Music Now! project to encourage young players to bring music to those deprived of its inspiration: children

with special needs, adults with learning difficulties, the elderly and prisoners.

this newspaper, is now more familiar to the young as a public figure - humanist, philanthropist and champion of liberal causes. There is about him a woolly cloud of saintliness, thickened by a certain amiable eccentricity and poliocal naivety. He bubbles with schemes for halting wars, ending starvation, redeeming criminals or saving the environ-ment. The latest are MUSE-E, founded to inspire the underprivileged through universal primary school music and dance, and the Mozart Fund to prevent torture, fight disease and save the Alpine environment.

These good works should not obscure his incomparable career as a virtuoso. It is at least a decade since he last took up his violin, but a recent French compilation of archive film makes clear why he so moved audiences all those years ago, or why the elderly Elgar. after hearing Menuhin rehearse only a few bars of his new Violin Concerto, felt confident enough to put down his baton and announce that he was off to the races. Lord Menuhin, a man of strong moral convictions, has championed human rights not just with words, but by leading the musical boycott of Hitler, playing for concentration camp victims, befriending Soviet dissidents. calling in the Knesset for peace with the Arabs, or, perhaps at greatest personal cost, pressing after the war for reconciliation with Germany. He has much to celebrate today.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### reform of Lords

From Viscount Runciman of Doxford,

Sir, May I take issue with Lord Kennet (letter, April 16) about the method of selecting the members of a re-formed House of Lords?

I. like Lord Kennet, write as a hereditary peer, and I agree with him that we should not be constitutionally enritled to our places. But it is mis-leading to say, as he does, that an appointed House would be "the greatest quango of them all". It all depends on by what method, and according to what criterion, the appointments are made. Most positions of serious responsibility, from High Court judges to university professors to senior civil servants to captains of national sporting teams, are filled by appointment. And so, surely, they should be, always provided that the selection is genuinely based on merit.

A reformed House of Lords would ideally consist of men and women all of whom, for a variety of reasons, were particularly well qualified to perform the revising and advising functions for which a second chamber exists. There may be a case for some members to be elected to represent particular interests and for some to be appointed on overt party political grounds. But there is also, I submit, a strong case for a quota system whereby a substantial proportion of members were appointed, as some are at present, on merit independently of

either parentage or patronage.
I may add that I have suggested the outline of a scheme on these lines to the leaders of both the major poliocal parties, but to no discernible effect.

Yours faithfully, RUNCIMAN. House of Lords. April 17.

From the Earl of Harrowby

Sir, It would seem that Mr Blair's intendon is to mutilate and perhaps ultimately destroy the House of Lords. After a widespread career starting in 1940, I joined the House, by heredity, in 1987 and I have been surprised and impressed over the ensuing years by its efficacy and all-embracing expertise - and its deference to the will of the electorate.

Why "cut off your nose ... "?

Yours faithfully, HARROWBY, Sandon Hall, Stafford. April 19.

#### Whistleblowers Bill From Mr Don Touhig.

MP for Islwyn (Labour)

Sir, Jon Ashworth's article (Business. April 17) on the enormous sums being lost to UK business by white-collar crime recognises the potential of the Public Interest Disclosure Bill to stop the rot. The official reports into Maxwell, Barlow Clowes, BCCI and Barings show that employees who spoke up were victimised and that others who knew the truth were cowed into silence. As your article shows, El million frauds in averagesize companies can easily go undetected while fraudsters know that their colleagues are too frightened to sound the alarm.

One would expect the Government to back a measure which offered some protection to employees who act responsibly to check serious crimes and malpractice. As that measure is supported by leading business and professional groups and has received unanimous endorsement on the floor of the Commons, your article reasonably assumed that the legislation

could be in force early next year. I regret to have to advise you and your readers that such an assumption appears premature. Today in comminee, despite the efforts of MPs on all sides to meet the Government's detailed concerns and to speed this measure on to the statute book. insufficient progress was made.

When no organisation has opposed the measures in my Bill and when the Minister has refused to meet me to discuss how progress might be made, I can only wonder at the objection. As the Government wishes to deny the protection to its own employees the reason may be embarrassment over the scale of frauds and serious malpractice in Whitehall and the public sector.

Yours faithfully DON TOUHIG. House of Commons. April 17.

#### Services' pecking order From Mr Graeme J. Hitchen

Sir. Your report (April 8, also letter, April 9) about the social qualities of RAF officers reminded me of a summary given to me during my own RAF commissioned service (1981-90) by an Army officer colleague and very good friend. The Navy is full of officers trying to be gentlemen, the Army is full of gentlemen trying to be officers, and the Air Force is full of neither trying to be both.

Yours sincerely, GRAEME J. HITCHEN. 3 High Bank, Mill Lane. Bradley, Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

### Labour's plans for Court of human rights defended

From the Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, University

Sir, Sir Michael Davies's letter (April 17) about the European Court of Human Rights is ill-informed and offen-

He says there is no appeal from its decisions; but that is because it is already in effect an appeal court from the decisions of the Commission. The process has to stop somewhere, just as it does with domestic courts.

I do not know if it is the case that most of the present judges of the court are academics, but on what evidence does Sir Michael assert that academics "are notoriously bad at judging"? We have never properly put it to the test in this country, but those of our judges who have been academics are usually among the most distinguished members of the judiciary; and the ex-perience of countries such as the United States and Canada, with whose legal systems I am familiar, where many academics are appointed to the bench at all levels, contradicts Davies's assertion. Some of the Common-wealth's and America's most outstanding judges have been academics. It has also to be said that the record of non-academic English judges on mat-ters of human rights and civil liberties has often been dismal by any stan-

His third point about the judges not being truly independent but "fanatically devoted to the federalistic concept" I simply do not understand in the context of the Court of Human Rights and can only suppose that Sir Michael is not in fact familiar with the jurisprudence of the court.

There is scope for reform, and not every judgment of the court has been impressive, but its record overall is good and has corrected many defects in our own law which our own courts have been either unable or sometimes unwilling to do.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ZELLICK, Principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, El 4NS.

### Should lawyers work a longer day?

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, Joel Parkes, who proposes that courts should sit from 9am to 6pm ("A longer day for lawyers", Law. April 16), is neither a barrister nor a solicitor. He seems to have no concept of the intense concentration required of barristers and judges during a trial, nor how tiring this is. A fair trial requires time for mature consider ation of the evidence.

Parkes also discloses that he is out of touch with reality in assuming that the working day for judges and law-yers is 10.30am to 4.30pm with weekends free.

When the court rises for the day the barrister frequently has a conference with his client in the trial going on, or another, and has to write advices and settle pleadings in other cases. My own conference yesterday with a

distressed woman lasted six hours. All this is apart from the demands

made on jurors and wimesses as well as the accused. Tired judges, jurors and lawyers are no recipe for a fair trial.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY BEST, Glebe Cottage, Broadwood Kelly, Winkleigh, Devon. April 17.

From Mr J. McNab

Sir, Should not Mr Parkes be arguing for a longer court day on the grounds that it is more convenient for members of the public, for whom the lawyers are supposed to provide a service?

Government policy does not seek to integrate transport. This is not the

fault of the DoT or the Civil Service

but of a Government which has run

(Shadow Minister for Transport),

Just a thought. Yours etc.

McNAB. 11 Balgeddie Court, Glenrothes, Fife. April 16.

### **Future of transport**

From Groham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir. The plan to abolish the Department of Transport (report, April 15) makes a lot of sense — if you have a Government with no ideas and no strategy for tackling the nadon's transport problems.

A Labour government will provide the new national transport framework which the country so badly. needs to overcome congestion and pollution. Properly integrated with regional strategies and meaningful local transport plans, it will provide the necessary structure to unite various forms of transport and get the country moving again.

Care of Kenwood

curator to be reinstated".

English Heritage

artistic matters.

payment.

not so limited.

tion charge.

Berkshire.

April 10.

Yours faithfully,

39 The Hawthorns.

Charvil, nr Reading,

From the Director of Collections,

Sir, I am prompted to write by your

reports this week (April 15 and 18; also

Diary, April 18) on the care of Ken-

wood and the call "for a full-time

The truth is there has not been a

curator devoted full-time to Kenwood

for the past thirty years. Under the Greater London Council, Kerwood

was the administrative centre for the

Historic Houses Division. The cu-

rator and his two assistants (of which I was one) divided their week between

Kenwood and houses in Twickenham

and Blackheath as well as County

Hall as advisers to the GLC on other

From Mr A. Parnaby-Price, FRCSEd

Sir, I would like to suggest possible al-

ternatives to Melinda Letts's recom-

mendation (letter. April 9) of the "sea-

son ticket" to cover the cost of pre-

scriptions by those not exempted from

The £5.50 fee is charged for each

type of drug on the prescription, not for the quantity of each dispensed.

Whilst hospitals often attempt to limit

cost by dispensing only the first few

days of a course of treatment (typically a supply to last two weeks). GPs are

Most modern drugs have a long

shelf-life and can be safely stored at a

patient's home until required. It would therefore be reasonable to re-

quest a supply to last several months

on each prescription rather than ac-

quiring small quanoties at monthly

intervals with the resultant multipli-

cation of charges.

Many drugs, particularly eye drops and common antibioocs, cost only a

few pence but still incur a £5.50 charge

if purchased as a National Health

Service prescription. It is often worth

inquiring whether a small quantity is

cheaper if bought either over the

counter or as a private prescription

instead of incurring an NHS prescrip-

ADRIAN PARNABY-PRICE,

Prescription costs

Room 506. 7 Millbank, SWI.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ALLEN

out of steam.

From Mr Ed Passant Sir. Britain suffers from an almost complete lack of strategic thinking about its nadonal transport needs. To break up the Department of Transport will fragment transport-related policies and decisions.

rector of London Region.

Yours faithfully.

JULIUS BRYANT,

Director of Collections.

Old soldiers From Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert

kept legible.

maintained

Sincerely

April 16.

JOSEPH GILBERT

Commonwealth War Graves

Maidenhead, Berkshire.

(Vice-Chairman).

Commission,

2 Marlow Road,

Your report suggests that officials

There are now four curators caring

for four London houses - Kenwood

Marble Hill, Ranger's House, Chis-

wick House - in addition to a Di-

Throughout all the recent debate.

no one has criticised the condition of

the works of art which, for the past ten

years, have been maintained to the

nighest curatorial standards by Eng-

lish Heritage.
Such care will not be diminished while English Heritage is in the proud position of being guardian of Lord lyeagh's magnificent bequest to the

English Heritage, 23 Savile Row, WI.

Sir, Mr Patrick Bradley (letter, April

15) asks whether any action is being

taken to ensure that the inscriptions

on headstones in Tyne Cot military

cemetery, near Ypres, and on the pan-

els of the Menin Gate memorial are

I am happy to be able to reassure him that officials of the Common-

wealth War Graves Commission reg-

ularly inspect all structures within

their care to ensure that legibility is

Menin Gate memorial have been re-

placed and between 1992 and 1995

1.070 headstones at Tyne Cot have

been re-engraved in whole or part. At

any given time a number of inscrip-

tions will be approaching the stage

where professional attention is needed, but these will have been recorded

It is the commission's proud task to

vicemen and women who died in the

and action planned accordingly.

Indeed, since 1985, 72 panels on the

believe the DoT is "running out of things to do". This is a staggering indictment of the failure of government to take a proper lead in the development of a national, integrated policy that takes into account the needs of industry, the working population and elderly and disabled

about pollution effects. We need considerably more co-

Yours faithfully. E. PASSANT (Chair). Community Transport Association (UK), A Block, 211 Arlington Road.

Camden Town, NW!. April 17.

#### Restoring Old Masters From Mr David Gould

Sir. In my long experience in the fine art world I have invariably concluded

that paintings were damaged in the distant past, when all manner of esoteric materials were used by picture cleaners and restorers who were secretive about them. It is highly unlikely that paintings will be ruined nowadays (report and photograph, April 18) by the solvents employed to dissolve discoloured varnish.

If Mr Martin Wyld's blue shirt (shown in your colour photograph), was covered by a thin yellow sheet of transparent plastic, it would appear to be green. In the same way, a yellowing varnish gives a false impression of the actual tones of a picture.

We know that many Old Masters used warm glazes. Unfortunately, generations of restorers have stripped these away. In 60 years I have never had the good fortune to see and examine an early Italian or Dutch picture which had survived untouched since the day it was painted. Consequently, I would regard the outery by Artwatch with great cau-

Yours truly, DAVID GOULD,

Highcroft. South Woodchester, Gloucestershire. April 18.

### One or the other

From Mr Robin Dyke Sir. All right is all right (letters. April 12, 17); alright is all wrong. Yours faithfully,

R. DYKE. 18 Henfield View, Warborough, Wallingford, Oxfordshire. April 18

#### ensure that all Commonwealth ser-A class of his own

two world wars are remembered From Mr Paul Ketteridge individually, by name on headstone or memorial, for all time.

Sir, My father in-law proudly maintained that, while his wife was working-class, he was a peasant. I think he felt he had married beneath him (letters, April 18).

Yours faithfully, PAUL KETTERIDGE Bankside Conage, 7 Church Street. North Marston, Buckingham.

Lord Menuhin, a prolific correspondent to

### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** April 20: The Prince Edward arrived at Heathrow Airport. London, this morning from Japan. Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** April 20: The Princess Royal. Patron, Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union, this afternoon attended the final of the County Championship at Twickenham Middlesex. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 20: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Yehudi Menuhin 80th Birthday Concert, at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

WINDSOR CASTLE April 21: Today is the Seventieth Anniversary of the Birthday of The Queen.

Mr Adrian Osborne was received by The Queen when Her Majesty corated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

### Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edin-burgh will attend a reception and burgh will attend a reception and dinner at Syon House at 6.40 given by her lord-lieutenants to mark her 70th and the Duke's 75th birthdays. The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Cheam Hawtreys School, Headley, Newbury, at noon. The Duke of Gloucester, patron, New

Islington and Hackney Housing Association, will attend a reception at Courts and Company. 440 Strand, at 7.00; and, as patron of The Japan Society, will attend the annual dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.40. The Duke of Kent, patron, will arrend a concert by the Hanover Band, Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.40.

#### Memorial services Mr Daniel Cunningham

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, National Playing Fields

charity cricket match at Worms-

The Lord Lucas of Crudwell, Lord

in Waiting, was present at Water-

Arrival of the President of Mon-

golia and Mrs Tsezelmaa, and

welcomed His Excellency and Mrs

Tsezelmaa on behalf of The Queen.

April 21: The Princess Royal

President, this evening attended

the British Academy of Film and

Television Arts Awards at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, fol-

lowed by a Dinner at the Grosve-

nor House Hotel, Park Lane

April 21: The Duke of Kent.

President, this afternoon took the

Salute at The Queen's Scout Pa-

rade, Windsor Castle, Berkshire.

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Buckinghamshire.

near High Wycombe,

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Daniel Jahn Chapman Cunningham, physiologist, was held on Saturday in the Chapel of University College, Oxford, The Rev Bill Sykes officiated, Or John Cunningham, son, read the lesson

Mr Geoffrey Foxcroft A memorial service for Mr Geof-irey Foxeroft, Head of Science at Rugby School, 1959-80, was held on Saturday in the school Chapel The Rev Keith Lanvon Jones Chaplain, officiated, Miss Jane Foxcroft, daughter, gave a reading.

### Nature notes

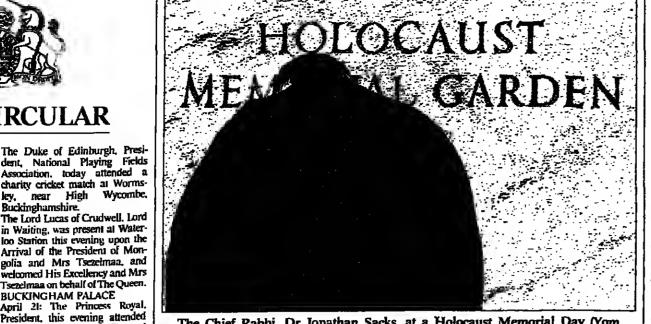
The summer visitors are at last beginning to flock in. The rippling songs of willow warblers float down from the birch trees, which are only just beginning to show their leaves, while

blackcaps are singing in short. passionale bursts in the woodland oaks. Jackdaws are building Iheir nests: they waddle up lhe branches with

enormous twigs in their beak, and drop them into crevices in the trunk. Longtailed tits have grown quieter in the hedges: ooth sexes incubate in turn the dozen tiny eggs in their domed and feathered nests. already out of the egg and swimming close to their mother. The horse-chestnul trees erupted into leaf in the weekend sunshine; on some trees the pyramidal flowers are already emerg-

ing in the middle of the leaf rosettes. Some svcamores are looking more vellow Ihan green, where flowers are dan-The willow warbler gling down among the opening leaves. There are broad

banks of lesser celandine along the ditches, and here and there greater stitchwort is opening close by. Gorse bushes are in full golden flower, and in grassy places Some mallard ducklings are cowslips tremble. DJM



The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, at a Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Ha'Shoah) service at the Holocaust Memorial in Hyde Park, London, yesterday

The Arts Educational School, Tring Park

The Summer Term begins today at The Arts Educational School. Tring Park, and Rehects Teall begins her term of office as Head Girl. The Music Showcase is on May 22 and 23, and Founders Day is July 6. Term ends with the Midsummer Ball on

Bromserove School

School convenes today for the sumnier term. The summer concert will be held on Thursday. May 9. Mea-sure for Measure will be performed in the Drama Studio on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday, May I. 2, and 3. Term ends with Commemoration Day on Saturday, June 29. The Cheltenham Ladies' College

Term opens today at The Cheltenham Ladies College, Half term is from 12.30pm on Saturday, May 25 to Sunday, June 2. 1996 finclusive). The College Choir will sing at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on Monday. April 29. On Monday, May 6. College will host an Embroidery Exhibition in association with the Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild and GLOSCAT, open daily 10.00am to 5.00pm, ending Friday, May 10. at 1.00pm. Confirmation by the Bishop of Gloucester will be on May II. The Guild Biennial Oinner takes place on Saturday, May 18, and the Guest Speaker is Cheryl Gillan, MP (College. 1963-69). The Preacher at the College Service on Sunday, May 19. will be the Revd Sarah Chapman (College: 1907-73]. Baroness Young, OL. will be the Guest Speaker at

OL, will be the Guesi Speaker al Speech Day on Saturday, July 13, 1995. On Friday and Saturday, October II and 12, 1995, The Cheltenham Ladies' College will host The Star Fair, in aid of the National Star Crute and The College Reservice. Centre and The College Bursaries
Fund, A Grand Reception (ticket only)
will take place on the Friday evening,
including a preview of around 50 gift
stalls. On Saturday, October 12. everyone is welcome to visit The Star Fair, which includes a unique exhibition of College archive material and literary events in celebration of the Cheltenham Festival of Literature

Cobham Hall

The Summer Term begins today at Cobham Hall. The new Guardian is Rakhee Mirpuri and the Deputy Guardians are Hsuan-Yen Liu and Veronika Rupp, Sixth Form Scholar-ships have been awarded to Jodi Chater (Fort Pitt School, Rochester).

### School news

Nicola Finn (Rochester Grammar School), Leyla Kent (Cobham Hall), Kathryn Srubbs (Wilmington Gram-mar School) and Ada Wong (Cobham Hall]. A full Junior Scholarship has been awarded to Lucinda Skinner (Cobham Primary School) and half Junior Scholarships have been awarded to Lauren Baker (Shernold School, Maidstone), Lucy Nicholls (Gravesend Convent Prep School), Amanda Tyrell (Cobham Primary School) and Kimberley Wadham (Shernold School, Maidstone). There is an Open Day for parents of prospective pupils on Saturday, May 4. Elders' Day is on Saturday, May 18. and Festival Day and the Unicom Ball on Saturday, July 6. Term ends

Ibstock Place.

on Sunday, July 7.

The Froebel School The Summer Term begins today. Edward Fisher condinues as Head Boy and Caroline Newte Hardie as Head Girl. Half Term will be from Monday, May 27 to Friday, May 31. Senior School Speech Day will be on Thursday, July 4 and the Ibstock in India Expedition will set off on the same day. Details of the Old Ibstonlan Association Cocktail Party, to be held on September 21, to mark the 50th anniversary of the School's move 10 Roehampion, may be obtained from the Headmistress's Secretary. Northbourne Park School

The Sunmer Term starts today with 227 pupils on roll. Parents. Old NPS and friends are invited to our Celebration Day on Monday. May 6. when there are numerous events taking place. Please ring the school for an invitation on 01304 61L215/ b1L218. Mr Michael Morpurgo will be use guest of honour at Speech Day on Saturday, June 29 irday, June 29.

Reigate Grammar School The Summer Term begins today with Simon Davis as the new School Captain, There will be a performance of Haydn's Creation in Reigate Park Church on Friday, May 10. The Athletic Sports will take place at Hartswood on Saturday, July 6 and the Commemoration Service will be on Wednesday, July 10. The term will end on Friday, July 12, when Mr J.G. Hamlin will be retiring after fourteen years as Headmaster.

Saint Felix School, Southwold Suffolk Summer term begins today. The Gala Auction will be held on the afternoon of Monday, May 6, preview from 2pm. Confirmation takes place on Friday, May 10, in the School Chapel. Chairman of Governors, Mr Clive Mann and his wife, Dr Anna Mann's Garden Party will be held in Minsmere on Sunday, June 9. Parents' Day is Saturday, July 6, when the mystery Guest of Honour will open the new indoor swimming pool. Old Felicians are invited to contact the School for the programme of the School for the programme of

Si George's School, Ascot Boarders returned to SI George's School on Sunday, April 21, for the Summer Term. The Friends of SI George's are hosting a SI George's Day Celebration on Sunday, April 28, at School from noon to 4.00pm to which all Georgians past and present will be very welcome. Half-term will be from Friday. May 24, to Sunday. June 2. Freshers' Day for 1996 entry will be held on Sunday, 9 June. Sports Day will be held on Friday, June 28. The Joth Annual Summer Concert Music for a Summer Evening will be held at the Schoot on Wednesday, July 3, when a presentation will be made to the Bursar, Mr Gordon Eggleston, to mark his retiremen The Sixth Form Leavers' Ball will be held on Friday. July 5, Term ends

SI Anne's School, Windermere The Summer term begins today. The new Headmaster is Ross Hunter who comes to the School from Aiglon College in Switzerland. The Head Girl Is Helen Roberts and the Deputies are Julia Tizard and Sarah weedale. The School will be welcoming exchange pupils from Round Square Schools in Germany, India, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. Girls will represent the School at the Mini Round Square Conference in April at Box Hill and there will be exchange visits to Germany, France, Spain and the United States of America, There will be a meeting of the Stannite Com-mittee on Saturday. May 18. Sports Day and Open Day at the Senior School will be on Friday. June 21 and at Elleray School there will be an Open Morning on Friday, June 28. followed by the Elleray Summer Ball in the evening. Prize Day is on Friday, July 5, when the Guest of

Honour will be Colonel Mark Cook.

OBE, founder of Hope and Homes

for Children. Term will finish after

the presentations.

### **Marriages**

Mr A.G.J. Spooner and Miss J. Dearie

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Pytchley. Northampton-shire, of Mr Adrian Spooner, son of Sir James and Lady Spooner, of Pytchley, and Miss Janet Dearie, of Mississauga, Ontario. The Rev Paul Gatenby officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jermiler, Heather and Christine Boake, Jessica Rayner, Eloise Smail, Ella and Charles Girardot, Molly Moody, Thomas Pycraft and Ivo Parker, Mr William Spooner was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom.

Mr J.H. Leaf and Miss A.H.F Stanford

The marriage took place on Saturday at SI Peter and St Paul's. Hambledon, Hampshire, of Mr Jeremy Leaf, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Leaf, of Thrussington, Leicestershire, to Miss Alicia Stanford, younger daughter of the late Admiral Sir Peter Stanford and of Mrs Derek Bazalgene, of Hambledon. The Rev Roy Kingston and the Rev Victor Searle-Barnes officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Guy Stanford, was attended by Lucie Earle and Katharine Soloman. Mr Geoffrey Wright was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon

will be spent abroad. Mr P. Darmanin and Miss B. Popova

The marriage took place on April 20, at the Old Parish Church, SI Julians, Malta, between Mr Peter Darmanin and Miss Biljana Popovac. Mr C. Mason

and Miss S.M. Weston

The marriage took place on Sarurday, April 20. at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, of Mr Charles Mason, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Mason, and Miss Sophia Weston, daughter of Mr and Mrs Garry Weston. The Rev Sandie Cairns officiated.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by George Weston, Charles Hobbouse, Alice Hobhouse, George Khayat, Helena Khayat and Max Wills. Mr Robert Mason was best man. A reception was held at the Royal Academy and the honey-moon is being spent abroad. Mr T.G. Rawlins

and Dr S.J.M. Pett The marriage took place on Saturday, April 20, in Downside Abbey, of Mr Timothy Rawlins and Dr Sophia Pett, Father Luke Bell, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her lather, was anended by Miss Felicity Cross, Felicity Pett, Thomas Rawlins and Rawlins. Mr Steven Henderson was best man. A reception was held at Downside and the honeymoon will

be spent in Italy and France. Mr G.A.V. Rees and Mrs L-M. Syme The marriage took place on April 20, 1996, in London, of Mr George Rees and Mrs Lynette Syme, née

Stallard, both of Holybourne,

Alton, Hampshire.

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### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J. Armitag

and Miss S. Warner The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Armitage, of Chelsea. London, and Shonda, daughter of Mr James Warner, and Mrs Karmon Amsker, both of Sioux City, lowa.

Mr P.R. Coke-Wallis and Miss N.E.M. Jones

The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Mr Ross Coke-Wallis, of Le Lot, France, and Mrs Yvonne Goble, of Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire, and Natalie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Jones, of St Neofs. Cambridgeshire.

Mr A.N. Fell and Miss C.M.H. Dickinson

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fell, of Luckington, Wiltshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Dickinson, of Waddesdon, Buckinghamshire. Mr M.A. Grenier and Miss B.K. Turner

The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Grenier, of Guildford, Surrey, and Emma, daughter of the late Professor Paul Turner, CBE, MD, and of Mrs Katie Turner, of Ascot, Berkshire. Mr J.N.B. Hack

and Miss K.L. Sumper The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Mr John Hack and of Mrs Adrienne Pearman, of London, and Karen, daughter of the late Mr Colin Summer and of Mrs Anne Summer, of Portsmouth.

actor, director and producer, 59:

the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, 80:

Miss Margaret Pereira, forensic scientist, 68; Viscount Portman, 62;

Sir David Ratford, former dip-

lomat, 62; Miss Jancis Robinson.

wine writer and broadcaster. 46:

Professor Sir Erle Scowen, phy-

sician, 86; Mr C.H. Sisson, CH

writer and poet, 82; Mr David

Summerscale, Head Master.

Westminster School, 59; Sir Robert

and Dr J.P. Inchiey

The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Hicks, of Newport. Gwent, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Inchiey, of Wollaston, Northamptonshire.

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Mr S.N. Poweil

and Miss S. Pollock The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Alan Powell and Ms Susan Powell, of Beckenham, Kent, and Sheena. second daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Pollock, of Wootton, Boars Hill, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.A.F. Riddington. and Miss A.L. Everati

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs David Riddington, of Wolf Hill House. Newborough. Pelerboraugh, and Louise, daughter of Mr John Everall, of The Old Vicarage. Withington," Shropshire, and Mrs Barbara Everall, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr D. The and Miss S.K. Knight

The forthcoming marriage is announced between David, only son of the late Mr Henry Thomson and the late Mrs Gwenllian Thomson, of Raybourne House, Islip, Oxon, and Sharon Kelly, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. Kenneth John Knight, of Hove,

### Birthdays today

**Anniversaries** BIRTHS: Henry Fielding, novelist Mr Leo Abse, former MP, 79; Sir Sharpham Park, Somerset, 1707; Michael Ativah, OM, FRS, former President, Royal Society, 67: Sir Christopher Ball, former Warden, Keble College, Oxford, 61: Mr Levis Biggs, curator, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, 44: Mr Alan Bond, comnany chairman and yachtsman, 58; Mr Peter Bowring, former chairman, CT Bowring, 73; Mile Yvette Chauviré, ballerina assoluta, 79; Sir John Chilcot, civil servant, 57; Mr George Cole, actor, 71; Mr Alan Dukes, a vice-president Fine Gael Party, SI: Dr Eric Fenby, composer, 90; Major-General Sir John Foley, 57: Mr Peter Goldstein, joint founder, Superdrug, Sc; Mr Lloyd Honeyghan, boxer, 36; Mr Ronald Hynd, choreographer, 65; Mr Robert Key, MP, 51; Mr Archy Kirkwood, MP, 50; Mr Nico Ladenis, restaurateur, 62; Mr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost, The Ouern's College, Oxford, 67; Lord Menuhin, OM, 80; Mr Jack Nicholson,

Portugal, 1957.

British yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston completed his solo non-

stop circumnavigation of the world in 312 days, 1969. El coins were introduced into

Britain, replacing notes, 1983.

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### PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald. The bringer of good news. announcing deliverance. Isaah 52: 7 (REH) DEATHS

BIRTHS

ABBOT-DAVIES - in the Buttunes of Omen on April 16th 1996, to Sheems and Hardwin, a son, Thomas Peter Anthony. BASTLE - To Katy and Ketin
n son. Danini James
Grypbes, born 11th March.
CRACE - on April 19th in
Fions (nos Butterworth) and
Christopher a son Jack
Edward a brother for Sasta
CURRIE - A daughter to
Harriet and Andrew, Detay
Luke Artmis, on Erd April, a
stater to Amber Lola. With
thenies to maternity staff at
St John and St Elzzbeth.
DUSCAM - On April 16th in
Sydney, Australia, to Beby
one Brighem) and Martin, a
daughter, Madeine Cure, a
sister for Prudecce and
James.

HROST - On March 24th 1996 at The Selbo Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, to Lens (née Christofida) and Martin, a second son, Christopher Hage Window, SIDDHGUI - On 15th April, to

DEATHS

ADU - Elizabeth Chenowa, On 19th April aged 78 years in Acra. Beloved with of the tata Mr. AL. Adu, Much loved mother of Dwomes. Nama Yew, Betty and the late Martin, and grandmother of Sanders and Elizabeth. Loved sister of Nyadu, Feti, Rose, Angua and Marion, Functal in Acra.

BEALE COLLEGE - Bill on 13th Auril. Suddenby on his way to Bisckheath rugby with Selly and friends. Very saddy missed by everyone. Tribute at Worth Cross alorium. East Chindred. 2.50pm Thursday 25th April. Family flowers only, Dunations it desired to R.N.L.I., Poole. BEALE COLLINS - PO

BOOTH - Suddenly at home on 19th April 1996 David Scott aged 46 years, beloved leachend of Carobyn Tyrie, 21 Needed Drive, Winterley, near Sandbach, devotted father of Donald and Finley, dear son of Elleen and the late Dr. Harbert W Booth, Funeral Service in the Old Parten Church, Montrose, Angus, Scotland, on Friday 26th April al 1,30 pm, interment thereafter at Steepyhillock Cematery to which all friends are Stemyhillock Cometery to which all friends are

busings - Irene Ruth Fila, beloved wife of Bill Bunker and mother of Dick and Bob at Clara Hause Nursing Hause. In 18th April. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip at 11am of Friday 25th April. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The RAF Benevolant Pund.

CROWTHER - On Thursday
18th April 1996 at home at
1.00 am, Edward Shaw
Sykes (Foddy). Beloved flust
husband of Sylvia Moynthan
and devoted bruther of Mm.
Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49
Marloes Road, WS GLA.
Funeral Service: Putney
Vale Crematorium
Wednasday 24th April 1996
48 3.30 pm.

Street, Maidstone, ME14
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GLADWW - On April 17th
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Thursley, Jill Hunliey
Gadwin SRN, Beloved wife
of George and widow of the
late W. Cdr David Collina.
Exquiritie to H.C. Pairick &
Co. (01252) 714884 for
funeral arrangements.

HARDY - (Doctor) to her 75th
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Anne Myrile, widne of
Raiph Kenyon, mother of
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RIMDLEY-SARITH - On April
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LOVELL SMITH - On April 17th 1996, peacefully at Brune Anthony (Brush) Lovell Smith, beloved mahand of Odeyne, Saher of Sophia, Marcia and Imposen, father-in-law to Stephania and grandfather to Nathemiel Empt and Odeon, Funnal at Heathfield Church, gr. Taumon at 1 pm on Wednesday 24th April, Enguirles Wateridhne (01278) 662227, Flowers, or donations to Heathfield Church.

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MADDEN - Juhn William Rydnr. Major late Irish Gusrds, peacefully on 18th April 1956 agel 82 years. Dearly loved husband of Nika, much loved father and groudfaither. Late of Hillon Park, Ciones, Co. Monacham. Funeral Service at 2.50 ym Wednesdey 24th April at 8t Mury's Church, Penthridge, followed by privain crematico. A Memorial Service will be held later in invised. Family flowers only but dougstons it desired for the Irish Gusrds Benevolent Fund c/n A.W. Hughes Fuceral Directors. Sunnymead. Gladestry. Kington, Herefordshire, HRS

MADDOCK - Leonard Colin

MADDOCK - Leonard Colin further Director of Thomas Cock & Son and much loved father of Joan, Maryaret and Jennifer. Johned his beloved wife Evis on 19th April 1996 to his 89th Pear. Puneral at Cultivord Cremptorian 26th April 1996, peacefully at Maril 1996, peacefully at Maril

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METCALPE - Evelyn
Kathleen, on April 19th 1996
aged 88. Much loved sunt
and great-aunt. Service of
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Lawrence at 3.45pm. Family
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Lovegrove (01344) 421949.

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Green, on April 19th peacefully at Courtlands NewBarnet, Belovad husband of
Muried, father of Barters
and Graham, and grandfather of Devid. James,
Emma, Andrew and Lucy,
Futheral service at St Johns,
Somerset Road, New Barnet
at 12-30pm on Friday 26th
April, Fastily flowers only,
Doustions to Christian Aid,
PO 100 SEI TRT. Enquiries
to J.Blackwell and Sons,
Telephone 0181 449 2068.

PAWLE - Nan on 17th April suddenly and pencentity at home. Belovad widow of Roger, very much loved mother of Andrey, Oliver and Nicola, addred grandmother of Michael, Debble, James, Lucy, Victoria and Jessica, and much loved mother-in-law of Paul. Enima and James. Funaral Service al St. Etheldreda's Church. Ely Place, London EC1 do Mooday 25th April at 11.45am, Family flowers coly, Douston, If desired to Dr Margaret Spitze's Caster Research Fund, Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London Win BAA.

PENDREO - Sue (née breamh) pencefully on April Richards) peacatolly on Asril 14th. Lovind wife of Graham, dear Steer in Fran. Anni to Alistair. Greatly missed. Funeral 2pm 25th April. St Pehr's and Peurs Church, Great Missenden. Flowers c/n Arnold Funeral Services 04494 472572

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RAYMER - Grevile Hertree on April 17th 1996 peacurily at his home in Tradington aged 82 years. Dentry beloved. TUCKWILL. - Mikm of

FUCKWELL - Mikm of Stanicfield, Suscess, on April 17m, dearly loved husband of Sus and Esther of Alice and George, Funcard to be beld at St Maria's Church, Stanicfield, 2 pm April 25th. Enquiries P & S Gallagher (01444) 451166. MEMORIAL SERVICES iANSON - The Memorial Service for Sir John Hanson will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 2 pm at the Church of St Peter and St Pani, Eye. Suffolk.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

SLAUGHTER - Enid Lulian. Died 21st April 1967, So very dearly loved. So very greatly missed. THANKSGIVING REWE-READ

Thanksgiving Service for the life of Co. J.O. Crewe-Read OBE will be held al Si Michael's Church Astos Tirrold, on Friday. April 25th at 3.50 pm. FLATSHARE

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### **OBITUARIES**

Christopher Robin Milne. bookshop owner, died on April 20 aged 75. He was born on August 21, 1920,

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN MILNE was the reluctant possessor of one of the most evocative Christian names in Britain. Immortalised by his father. the writer A. A. Milne, as the gingham-smocked companion of Winnie the Pooh, he struggled throughout his life to rid himself of the bothersome legacy of his fictionalised childhood. The little boy with the golden hair who was saying his prayers" - and has continued to say them in practically every English nursery for the last 70 years no longer had anything to do with him. Milne would protest. He, like his father, was an agnostic, and the poem Vespers was a "toe-curling, fist-clench-ing lip-biring" source of shame.

Diffident and thoughtful in character, with a gentle nature and a precise love of words, Christopher Milne would become as gloomy as the motheaten old donkey Eeyore when the subject of his father's books was broached. His father, he said, had climbed on his infant shoulders and filched his good name. "One day I will write verses about him and see how he likes it," he once declared.

Christopher Robin Milne was born in Chelsea, in a genteel street of baywindowed cottages where fuchsias and geraniums flourished in fastidious front gardens. His father, despite the affability which his children's books suggest, was distant, though amiable, with his one and only son. Warm, but with a thin lip and ice-cold eye, "his heart remained buttoned up all through his life", Christopher Milne later wrote. As a young boy he passed most of his time with his nanny in a nursery on the top floor of the house. He was taken formally downstairs three times a day to visit his parents: in the morning, when breakfast was nearly over, after tea, when he could scramble around on the drawing room ottoman, and in the evening shortly before he went to bed.

His mother, however, unpreoccupied by writing, was less remote than his father. "Just as Rabbit said to Owl: 'You and I have brains, the others have fluff', my mother had fluff," Milne later said. Her essential value to her husband was that she laughed at his jokes, and sometimes in the evenings she would play games with her young son in the darkness under the dining-

Milne's childhood companion was a girl called Anne. His parents always hoped he would marry her one day. The two children went to kindergarten in Tite Street together - leaving Pooh and Arme's monkey, Jumbo, behind and their nannies would take them on excursions around London - including, of course, to watch the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.

Some of the events recounted by his father were indeed true, but the trouble was, Christopher Milne was often to

### CHRISTOPHER MILNE



Christopher Robin Milne with his father, A. A. Milne, and the original Winnie the Pooh, in 1928

remember exactly what was fact and what was fiction. He never knew, for instance, whether it was he or his father who first invented "pooh-sticks", though after the publication of the stories he did remember playing the game, standing on a wooden bridge and dropping sticks into the stream which flowed through the Ashdown Forest in Sussex, where the Milne family had a country home.

Small, shy and unselfpossessed, Christopher Milne was clever with his hands. He loved sewing, knitting and making tapestry pictures. By the age of seven he had bestowed upon himself the title of "chief mender" of the family - he took clocks and locks to pieces. rigged up burglar alarms, and even turned a toy pistol into a dangerous weapon. It was always to rankle him that, in the poem The Engineer, about the train with the brake, his father made him say: "It's a good sort of brake but it hasn't worked vet." If he had made a brake, it would definitely

have worked, he said. Milne was sent to boarding school at Stowe. There he learnt to box so as to defend himself from the gibes of his classmates. But he did not even try to shine as a cricketer as his father, a frequent visitor to Lord's, had hoped. From Stowe he won a scholarship to read English at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1939. However, at the end of his first year, he did not return to Royal Engineers. He served until the end of the war with 56 Division in the Middle East and in Italy, where he was wounded.

His war service began the severance of his links with his father - with whom his relations became increasingly strained. This process was furthered when, having returned to Cambridge and obtained a degree in English, he decided in 1951 to leave London. He moved to the village of Stoke Fleming and set up a bookshop in nearby Dartmouth, almost, it might seem, in defiance of the damage which books had done him.

For twenty years he ran the shop together with his wife, Lesley de Selincourt, a cousin whom he had married in 1949, despite his parents' hope that he should marry Anne, his childhood friend. At first it was a struggle to make ends meet, but later the business flourished, a transformation largely brought about by the thriving schools' library service which Milne helped to build up in the county of Devon. As he sat behind the counter of his bookshop, Milne was constantly pestered by matronly clients bringing in their progeny to shake hands with "the original Christopher Robin". He would do so with a wanly polite smile. For a fee of £10 - donated to the Save the Children Fund - he would also sign one of his father's books. He also later took advantage of his unwanted

Ashdown Forest from the ravages of oil prospectors. The area was not just the home of Owl and Rabbit and Roo, he said, but one of the few areas of outstanding natural beauty in the vicinity of London where city people could come to breathe fresh air. In 1974 Milne broke a lifetime's habit

of reticence and published the first of three autobiographical books, The Enchanted Places, an account of his childhood and its disturbing aftermath. The book ended much speculation on the relationship between the exploited child and the parent who was too busy writing to pay attention to his son. "When I was three, my father was three. When I was six, he was six . . . he needed me to escape from being 50," Milne said. He admitted that in leaving London he had been running away, but that in branching out he had found his true identity and finally become independent, both psychologi-cally and financially. In 1979 he followed this book with *The Path* Through the Trees, and in 1982 he published The Hollow on the Hill. It was only after finishing these autobio-graphical works, he said, that he could finally look his dreaded namesake in the eye and feel less embarrassed by

Milne is survived by his wife Lesley. and a daughter who has cerebral palsy. Milne found an outlet for his natural aptitude for carpentry by he himself could no longer university but enlisted instead in the fame and fronted a campaign to save making special furniture for her

### LOUIS OSMAN

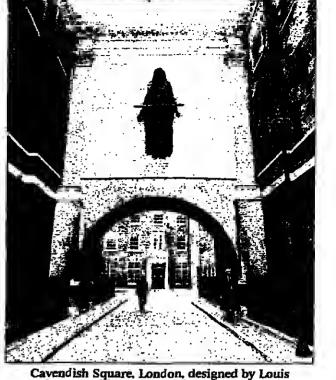
Louis Osman, architect and goldsmith, died on April II aged 82. He was born on January 30, 1914.

LOUIS OSMAN was not the tradicionalist he might at first have appeared to those who saw his celebrated reconstruction of the north side of London's Cavendish Square. In Cavendish Square he was merely completing an 18thcentury composition, the eastern half of which had been razed to the ground during an air raid in the war. It was a faithful reproduction of the original with every detail correct, inside and out. Perhaps, however, Osman's most interesting work, whether design-ing new buildings or remodelling the interiors of old ones, stemmed from his flair for unifying classical and modern styles within a single structural frame. He took a special delight in stressing the contrasting merits of different centuries in order to make the most of each.

Louis Osman was born in Exeter and educated at Hele's School. He trained profession-ally at the Bartlett School of Architecture, London University, qualifying in 1931, before going on to study art at the Slade next door. He then began working for Sir Albert Richardson, a specialist in classical design from whom he learnt a great deal about craftsmanship and the use of materials. Osman won the Donaldson Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1935 and a British Museum scholarship which took him on a British School of Archaeology expedition to Syria in 1936. On his return to London the following year, he set up his own practice.

When war broke out, Osman joined the Army's Intelligence Corps and was attached to the Special Air Service before the invasion of Europe. But in 1945 he returned to his practice as an architect.

It was in 1950 that Osman got his first real break, the commission by the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus to reconstruct its buildings on Cavendish Square's north side. These were separated in the middle by a carriageway, and it immediately became clear to Osman that the centreline of this terminated one of the ongest vistas in London, the start of which was the portico of St George's, some distance



Osman, with a sculpture by Jacob Epstein

south of Hanover Square. However, its termination had become merely an empty space, and since the only way between the two buildings was via a basement passage, Osman decided to form a positive end to the vista by building a connecting bridge. Then, to pin down the termination finally, he required a piece of sculpture. With the somewhat reluctant agreement of the Convent, he commissioned Jacob Epstein to do the job.

Louis Osman will never be forgotten for commissioning from the sculptor a Madonna and Child which, cast in lead to prevent any possible staining of the stonework, was raised from the surface to create an impression of floating. While it is generally regarded as London's finest piece of 20th-century sculpture, and Epstein had a photograph of it in his passport - it was, he said, his passport to Heaven - for Osman it meant success as an architect. Although this gifted and conscientious man (he carried out all his own designs and drawings) was both unworld-ly and unbusinesslike, commissions rolled in from then

Among his best works was a house for the Principal of

Newnham College, Cambridge. Osman demonstrated his skill in working with the place (a traditional context) and the requirements of the occupants - mainly that it should be an efficient interior with lots of light: in fact, a thoroughly modern interior. He designed the outside in brick and with windows, to suit the conventional surroundings. But the central courtyard was made completely of glass, to suit the

client. Osman was involved with numerous other buildings, including church restoration at Staunton Harold, Leicestershire, and at Shere, in Surrey; the rebuilding of the Georgian Ranston House, Dorset, designs for St John's, Smith Square, damaged in the war, and for St Edmund Hall, Oxford. At the same time he gave a great deal of attention to his work as a goldsmith. He became extremely well-known in this sphere, designing the treasury at Lincoln Cathedral and, in 1969, the crown for the Prince of Wales for his investiture in Caernaryon Castle. In 1971 Goldsmith Hall put on the Louis Osman Gold Exhibition which had 105 exhibits.

He is survived by his wife Dilys and by their daughter.

### **BERNARD EDWARDS**

Bernard Edwards, pop musician, was found dead in his hotel in Tokyo on April 18 aged 43. He was born in Greenville, North Carolina, on October 31.

BERNARD EDWARDS was better known to the recordbuying public as one of three male members of Chic, the superslick disco band which produced some of the best dance music of the late 1970s. Their hit songs - I Want Your Love, Le Freak, Good Times were completely evocative of their decade: an era of flapping bell-bottomed trousers, borizontal lapels and enormous Afro hairstyles.

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Chic's moment of fame was short and intense. They topped the charts in America for only three years, and nearer two in Britain. But although Edwards was barely 30 when the music stopped for him as a performer, he was far from dead in the business. He built a second career as a producer for acts such as Sister Sledge and Robert Palmer, and in this indirect manner influenced two decades of musicians.

Chic were the most sophisticated of those now much-maligned disco bands which flourished in the closing years of the 1970s. While the group never lost their roots in black music — a Chic song combined the rawness of James Brown with the popiness of Motown - they were not derivative. Their trademark was a choppy, spare funk beat interlaced with the occasional jazz flourish. These were catchy, joyful melodies which people could hum in the bath, but which had enough rhythmic bounce to keep them dancing all night on the disco

floor. For Edwards, a career in anything other than music was unthinkable. Born in North Carolina, he was brought up in New York. In the ghetto in which he was raised, every bar had a house band which played shows for \$25 a night, and which were "tight", as Edwards approvingly described them. They could hold down a groove and play anything."

Edwards became a bassist and worked with several struggling musicians, before being introduced by a friend to his future songwriting part-ner, the guitarist Nile Rodgers. They played together in the Apollo Theatre Band and the Big Apple Band, and by the mid-1970s were sending out demo tapes of their own songs. Teaming up with Tony Thompson, a drummer, and a couple of female singers, Alfa



Anderson and Luci Martin, they released their first single as Chic in 1977. Dance. Dance, Dance (Yowsah, Yowsah, Yowsah) was an immediate hit, released at exactly the right moment, a couple of months after the Bee Gees had begun topping the charts with songs from the Saturday Night Fever album. Disco fever was raging on both sides of the Atlantic.

The following year, 1978, proved to be the decisive one for Chic, when they released Le Freak. This was the biggest selling single, up till that point, in Atlantic's history, with four million copies sold. I Want Your Love was released in 1979, followed by Good

Times. Edwards played a ferocious bass riff on the latter. which has been much copied by bands since then - sometimes as a humorous compliment, more often subconsciously. Chic's eponymous debut album had been a modest success, but their second and third, C'est Chic (1978) and Risque (1979), swiftly went platinum.

The strain of so much

success was beginning to tell on the Edwards and Rodgers partnership. They over-stretched themselves, writing and producing songs for other bands while they were on the road (among these were two great Chic-sounding songs for the all-girl group Sister Sledge, He's The Greatest Dancer and We Are Family). They toured constantly, walking off the stage of one gig, flying back to New York later that night to record fresh material, then flying on to the next night's concert. Like many rock musicians before them, they turned to drugs to cope with the pressure.

By the early 1980s their records were not selling as well as they had, and the palpable sense of enjoyment about the band — which is what Chic had been all about - had gone missing. Both Edwards and Rodgers wanted to remain in the music business, and they dissolved the band, parting amicably to pursue their separate writing and producing ambitions. Rodgers went on to work with David Bowie and Madonna. Edwards produced Rod Stewart and provided the backbone to Robert Palmer's huge hit of 1986. Addicted to Love. He was also behind the soundtrack for the James Bond film. A View to a Kill (1985).

Then in 1992, a decade after they had split, he and Rodgers re-formed to produce a last Chic album, Chic-ism. They were well aware that people might see this as a ploy to cash in on the fad for reviving the fashions of the 1970s. However, they still thought they had some good songs left in them. and so it proved, the album containing such silky classics as Chic Mystique, which did well, even in hip-hop heartlands like the Bronx.

Even without this last flourish, however, Edwards's reputation as an influence on musicians in the 1980s -- not only black artists but jazz funk bands — was completely se-cure. He had been working in Tokyo at the time of his death, but had complained of feeling ill and postponed his flight home. His body was discovered by hotel staff, although the cause of his death is still unknown.

### HAROLD GORICK

Harold Gorick, CBE, Chief Executive of the Chamber of Shipping. 1950-66, died on April 4 aged 94. He was born on April 22, 1901.

A MEMBER of a formidable

team of shipowners and civil servants at the Ministry of War Transport, Harold Gorick contributed greatly to the British war effort. Under the redunbtable Sir John Fisher, he was deputy director of the Coasting and Short Sea Division. There his most outstanding achievement was to organise, together with Admiralty and ministry colleagues, the fleet of little vessels which brought the troops back from Dunkirk. Throughout the war he and Fisher led their organisation in assembling the coasters to tranship cargoes to and from the bigger ships to the smaller ports. He was appointed CBE in 1946.

Harold Edward Gorick started work at the age of t4 with a firm of solicitors, Botterell & Roche. He became personal clerk to one of the partners. Harold Cleminson, who was appointed general manager of the Chamber of Shipping in 1916. Gorick for-mally joined the staff in 1923. His early work on the coasting trades and on parliamentary, ports and pilotage showed a talent for administration and decision-making. He became secretary of the chamber in



After the war, Gorick's first task in the chamber was to administer the allocation of shipping for the requirements of government departments during the transition from wartime requisition to market trading. Then followed the consequences of nationalisation of the railways and ports and his work on the Coal Freight Refund Scheme and the Coasting Liner Freight Equalisation Scheme.

In 1950 he became chief executive of the chamber and had a significant influence on the campaign to secure for shipping "free" 100 per cent first year capital allowances a concession which, sadly, no longer exists. Under his stewardship the British registered fleet grew from 18 million to 21 million gross registered

tonnes (as compared with four million today).

Gorick displayed and de-manded a high quality of work. An austere, and at times humourless man, he earned the respect — sometimes grudgingly — of those he negotiated with across the table and the loyalty and affection of those who worked with him.

Internationally, from 1950 to

1966, he was secretary-general of the International Chamber of Shipping; he also set up the Committee of European and Japanese National Shipowners Associations (CENSA). reorganised the Comminer of European Shipowners (CES) and was rapporteur of the Sea Transport Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries in Coronation year. He played a leading part in the international debates on flag discrimination, flags of convenience, US shipping legislation, the development of shippers' councils and the Suez crisis. He oversaw British shipping initiatives on safety at sea.

On retirement Gorick was made the first "staff" honorary member of the chamber and an honorary fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Harold Gorick married Dora in 1929. She predeceased him in 1986. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

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AUTOMOBILISM. THE WEAR OF ROADS AND TRACKWAYS (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

As road traffic becomes more and more mechanical, and as traffic of all kinds becomes greater in volume, the expense of the greater in volume, the expense of the construction and maintenance of roads on the present system must become greater also. Indeed, so much heavier are these expenses already becoming that engineers and surveyors will perforce, if they are not to confess themselves heaten, have to adopt some system of road-making which is more permanent in character than that in vogue at present and less expensive to the ratepayer. In towns the road surfaces have necessarily been made in a more permanent fashion for many years past. Whether asphalt, wood paving, or stone setts are employed, the tendency is to substitute a more or less permanent surface for the surface made of broken stone, water, and mud which

There is an interesting parallel in regard to road construction in the history of railways. When at first locomotives and railway coaches were small and light, iron rails, which lasted only a short time, were considered sufficiently strong. But when the demands of traffic

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Road maintenance appears to have been a problem when vehicle licences numbered less than half a million. It still is so today with more than 25 million licences

occessitated the use of heavier rolling stock and locomotives, steel rails began to be used, uotil now they have entirely superseded the

old iron rails of some 50 years ago . . . Pursuing this parallel, it may be asked whether, in consequence of the changed character of road traffic, there should not be a radical revision of the system, so that at least on main roads continual laying down of broken stone mixed with water or tar may give

way to some more permanent surface . . . Most people are familiar with the limited use of plate-ways which are still found over certain bridges, in the neighbourhood of some

factories, and in the private yards of manufacturing concerns where heavy material has to be moved on tracks and where rails and be moved on fracks and where rails and flanged wheels are not convenient. But the public are probably not so well acquainted with the fact that on an 18ft. road — a reasonable average width to take for main roads — only something like fin. is used by most vehicles, in fact, in the case of horse-drawn vehicles with narrow iron tires perhaps so little at 2 in these to hear the strain of the as little as 2in, has to bear the strain of the load, while the rest of the road as to bear scarcely any traffic, a fact which accounts for the common phenomenon of a road wearing gradually into a shape represented by a central hump ... The surprising fact, therefore, emerges that something less than 4 per cent. of the width of a roadway is used at one time by one vehicle. Yet when the road has to be renewed the whole of the 18ft, width has to be dealt with, for patching in most cases and with most road metals cannot be called a practical method of producing a renewed and good surface. We are driven, therefore, to the conclusion that four specially-prepared tracks that is, two for the up and two for the down traffic - would save an immense amount of wear, or, where roads are not so much used, two tracks alone would be sufficient to ensure

### THE QUEEN'S AWARDS

# Every one a winner

The annual Queen's Awards for Export Achievement, together with the associated technological and environmental awards, are a welcome reassurance that British industry, for all its much-criticised shortcomings, is as inventive and adventurous as

Its successes also give the lie to the notion that Britons cannot meet the quality standards achieved by other

The winners of the awards, given to mark the Queen's birthday yesterday, are all scr..pulously checked by the Department of Trade and Industry.

One cause for concern might be that the number of awards is the lowest for eight years; 107 compared with 140 last year. There were also fewer applications than in any of the last four years; down from last year's 1,315 to 1,191.

In the technology sector the numbers are almost exactly the same as last year - 16 awards from 254 applications, but a long way down from the record 49 awards in 1990. Although Britain's export growth slowed last year, the adjudicators decline to read any long-term message into what they insist is a mere "blip"; the 1990 figures were almost certainly enhanced by the publicity attending the scheme's silver jubilee, and applications are still far more numerous than in the mid-1980s when industry was battered by bankruptcies and closures and struggling to come to terms with the

Thatcherite revolution. The Environment Awards, launched in 1993, have so far failed to fulfil the organisers' hopes. From 240 applications and 12 awards in the first year numbers have fallen to 116 applications and just six awards, the same as last year. suggesting that enthusiasm among companies to promote a "green" image has somewhat waned.

Several familiar big names are among this year's winners.

The numbers of export awards were down this year, but the quality was as high as ever. John Young introduces a four-page report



Inspired by fireflies: Ian Johnson, Biotrace's development director, with hygiene-tested bottles of colourant

including British Steel; Burberrys, the clothing manufacturer, which collects its sixth Export award; Dunlop; Hoover; Guinness; Halcrow; JCB; and the Oxford University Press. But they are far outnumbered by smaller and newer firms, with manufacturers of telecommunications and electronic capital goods particularly well represented. Of the 129 winners in all three sectors, two thirds are first timers, and nearly half of those have won at their first attempt. Thirty-six of the winning companies (28 per cent) employ fewer than 50 people. and 70 (54 per cent) fewer than

One of the more unusual

successes is provided by Glass Eels, of Gloucester, which employs fewer than 15 staff in collecting and distributing live baby eels for farming and restocking projects. Its main markets are in Europe and Asia, where it undertakes training programmes to assist organisations with limited ex-

perience of fish farming.
From its home in Mayfair, the venerable firm of estate agents, Healey and Baker, has established offices in 20 European countries and a number of exclusive agencies in the Americas and the Far East, doubling its export earnings in the last three years. Its award is the first to be given to an

Another riotable first is the award to CACA, the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, which was founded by Royal Charter in 1904 and was the first British accountancy body to hold examinations overseas, giving people in other countries the opportunity to obtain a professional qualification recognised in Britain. It currently has more than 120,000 students, of whom some 70,000 are overseas; it organises twice-yearly examinations in more than 200 centres around the world. adapting them to reflect local

Bass Beers Worldwide, the export division of the brewing group, has boosted its over-

practice and legislation.

seas sales by 45 per cent in the past three years by introducing its customers not only to British beer but to the British pub. It sells through some 500 distributors and has also been instrumental in developing about 100 British-style public houses across the Continent.

Weetabix continues to produce cereals - including Alpen, Crunchy Bran and Ready Brek — which are enjoyed in regions as distant and climatically different as the Caribbean, South America and Africa. The key export area, however, remains Europe, where more than 85 per cent of Weetabix's cereals are sold, and where consumption continues to grow.

The food and drink industry has benefited from the pioneering work of Biotrace, of Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, which has successfully harnessed the enzyme luciferase, which causes the firefly to glow, to produce instant portable hygiene testing systems.
Its customers include 16 of the world's largest food and drink

manufacturers.
Two subsidiaries of the giant American corporation, Motorola, each win awards for the export of cellular telephones and computerbased radio telephone communication systems respectively. But the only double award, in both the export and technology sectors, goes to Digi-Media Vision, trading as DMV (a subsidiary of News International, owner of The Times), which manufactures video compression systems used in digital satellite communications.

Traditional British engithe Export Award to Beck & Pollitzer Engineering, which only recently began trading as an independent company after a management buy-out in 1994. The workforce of some 300 engineers and technicians is based wholly in Britain but travels widely abroad.

Recent projects include in-stallation of a new printing plant for Wellington Newspapers in New Zealand, and a new car plant for a Japanese manufacturer in The Nether-

British expertise in the building of high-performance cars wins recognition for Rey-nard Racing Cars of Bicester, Oxfordshire whose products have featured in the American Indy car races and the European and Japanese Formula 3000 races. In contrast Reilor of Preston, Lancashire, which makes cat flaps and dog doors. has had to create its own overseas market by persuading people in other countries of the advantages of allowing domestic pets to come and go freely. without encouraging intruders to human

# Help behind the scenes



ly make life easier for the British will often do the

same for other nations. enabling it to win an export award. One such is Puretone, a small firm in Rochester, which could be said to have caught the ear of the world.

Besides hearing aids, it

also produces in-ear monitors for pop singers. These allow singers to control the and singers to conduct in flow of sound, cutting it down to a madest level so that they do not strain their voices trying to compete with the sound. The monitors will, if required, also pick out cues on a piano or pick out cues on a piano or other instrument. Madonna, Take Than and Wet Wet Wet all use them. Another clever hearing device made by Puretone is called a timitus masker. For people suffering from a high-pitched ringing in their ears, it produces a mellower tone, which in some cases even cancels out some cases even cancels out the offensive noise, so that

On shop counters and in garage forecourts throughout the world - including those of McDonald's and, in America, Taco Bell - you will find little machines smaller than a toaster and called Tellermates, which are manufactured by Percell Ltd of Newport, Gwent.
Using a load cell, it does
instant counts of coins or
notes placed in a hod on top
of it — and it is only the software in it that needs changing for different coun-

the victim gets total relief.

ties and currencies. Laminar Medica Ltd of Tring. Hertfordshire, says that it "stops medicines catching a temperature". Its laboratories produce Meditherm systems - packaging for vaccines and similar medicines that either keep

A COMPANY them frozen, keep them that can quiet from freezing, or hold them at a specific temperature. Robinson Special Packaging of Chesterfield produces paperboard packaging for cosmetics, confectionery and food as well as pharma centicals. The company goes back a long way.— It was sending bandages and paperboard pots of our ments to Florence Nighting gale in the Crimea.



The new "invisible" Glossies by Gossard

Finally we come to invisible knickers. What? Well. they are made by Gossard. of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. They are part of the Glossies range of underwear, which Gossard calls the "secret accomplices" of women, since they made to wear under tight-fitting outer clothes without any sign of their presence. Another of Gossard's ranges is Ul-trabra Perfect which features the Balconette bra, in which women can look like a Jane Austen heroine, bosom lifted high, as in Sense and Sensibility:

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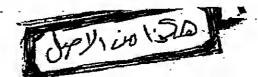
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### Cleaner, greener machines

John Young looks at firms that

have won an Environment Award



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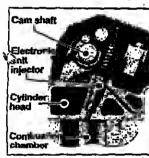
A NEW range of washing mach-ines which offer remarkable savings in energy, water consump-

tion and detergent have gained an Environment Award for Hoover, of Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan. The New Wave range use 40

per cent less electricity than previous models, water consumption has been reduced by 36 per cent and the detergent is delivered from the front of the machine straight into the wash load, which virtually eliminates wastage and remore than a third. The machines are the only ones so far to have been given the EU "Ecolabel", an independent endorsement of the manufacturers' ciaims.

Attention has also been paid to making the product itself more environmentally-friendly. The usual stainless steel or enamel drum has been replaced by a polypropylene tub which both reduces noise and increases heat retention. At the end of the machine's life the drum can be recycled.

The shell is made from prepainted parts, eliminating the need for the traditional paint shop and the consequent emissions of solvents, waste water and exhaust gases. The usual welded joints are re-placed by locks which can be fitted without using heavy electrical current for transformers. For distribution the machines are packaged in expanded polystyrene which is CFC free and can be recycled.



The planning of a new fuelinjection system (above). which wins an award for Lucas Diesel Systems, began in the early Eighties when the company foresaw that a new approach was needed to reduce noise and emissions from diesel engines and to improve fuel economy. The new fuelinjection system has already been adopted by several large truck and engineering manufacturers, including Caterpillar and Volvo, and has enabled them to meet stringent new limits on emissions.

Instead of a central pump connected to injectors in each cylinder, pump and injector are combined in a single electronic unit. The pumping plunger is driven by the engine, and the high injection pressure combined with electronic controls provides great-ly advanced fuel efficiency.

Along with vehicle emissions, discharges from power stations are among the most frequent targets of environmental campaigners. While

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### CLEAN WINNERS

THE following companies and organisations have been granted the Queen's Award for Environmental Achievement in 1996:

Brook Hansen, Hudderslield, West Yorkshire: energy-efficient electric motors. Hoover Ltd, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan. Wales: environmentally advanced washing machi

range. Hydro Chemicals Ltd (HYDROCARE). Immingham, South Humberside: Nutrica process for elimination of odour and septicity in municipal sewer networks. International Combustion Ltd. Derby. Derbyshire: EnviroNOx — Low NOx

burners for power stations.

Lucas Diesel Systems,

Stonehouse, Gloucestershire: electronic unit injector systems for diesel engines. Ultra Hydraulies Ltd (Mobile Products Division), Cheltenham ultra-quiet, highpumps for off-highway and mechanical handling

efforts have so far been largely concentrated on improving standards of existing plants. International Combustion, of Derby, has developed a range of burners which sharply reduce the level of nitrogen dioxide in flue gas discharges. The burners can be fired by coal, oil or natural gas and in all cases nitrogen dioxide lev-els are well within the statutory limits both in Britain and the company's export markets.

An ultra-quiet "stealth" pump for off-road and mechanical handling vehicles has won an award for Ultra Hydraulies, of Cheltenham. Greatly reduced noise levels are achieved by phased dual-element gear units, which are said to be effective at all speeds

and working pressures. Brook Hansen, of Huddersfield. West Yorkshire, is responsible for a new range of electric motors with significantly higher efficiency than previous models. As a result they use less energy and discharge less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Because less heat is generated, smaller cooling fans are required, so noise is also reduced.

Another environmental hazard, the discharge of liquid effluent, with the associated smells and risk to health, has been tackled by Hydro Chemicals of Immingham, south Humberside. Its Nutriox process employs a new nitratebased chemical agent, and is intended primarily to eliminate odour and septicity in municipal sewage works. The company claims that the process bas none of the attendant safety hazards associated with traditional treatments using chlorine, liquid oxygen and peroxides, or iron sulphate.



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Derwent May reports on some British 'coals to Newcastle' success stories

### Beating them at their own games

Iceland, the complete works of Goethe to Germany — these are some of the things that have won Queen's Export Awards for their British manufacturers this year.

When you consider that the

garlic bread is frozen, Iceland might seem an even more improbable destination for it But Speedibake, of Northampton, was the first to develop garlic bread as a commercial product nine years ago, and now exports half a million frozen garlic baguettes to Europe every week. Apart from Iceland, the part-baked baguettes are sold in Germany, Scandinavia and other countries, and will soon be on sale in France itself while the firm's frozen doughnuts with raspberry jam go down a treat in Holland, The company now has its eye on producing Italian ciabatta

Not many people realise it

t is amazing what you can sell abroad if you just know how. Garlie bread to kind of beer, from English ales to the lightest lager. English Hop Products, of Tonbridge in to the lightest lager. English Hop Products, of Tonbridge in Kent, has won an award for selling its hops and hop prod-ucts both on the continent and in America. It has persuaded the American "micro-brewer-ies", which make specialised beers, to turn to new beers using British hops, and has produced forms of hop extract which slot smoothly and economically into the brewing practices of Europe. Richard Wood, the managing director, has bought a 100-acre, hop farm just down the road from the office, where he leans over the gate and sells his own hops to the co-operative which supplies the processing and trad-

ing side of the business. The complete Weimar edition of Goethe's works, which takes up 143 volumes on the library shelf, has been sold on CD-Rom to German university and state libraries at £3,950 a time, as well as to other libraries thnoughout the world, by Chadwyck-Healey, of Cambridge. The company's



Speedibake's Sally Cleary-Corbett tries its garlic bread

other gigantic products include a vast database of almost the entire corpus of English poetry, at £25,000, and - on its way and rapidly gathering subscribers — the

complete works of Voltaire. At Oxford, too, publishing has been doing well. Oxford University Press is selling enormous numbers of the Oxford Advanced Learners' Dictionary, still going strong and constantly revised since 1948, and had a dashing hit throughout the world last year with The Oxford Companion

The media also feature in the list in the form of the London advertising agency Bartle Bogle Hegarty. Its advertisements for Levi-Strauss jeans have been shown across Europe, both in the cinema and on television. You may have seen the one of the swimmer leaping over fences and making his way through swimming pool after swimming pool, always in his jeans, to get to his girl, grab her and jump off the high-dive with her. The pay-off line is The more you wash them, the better" - and in most countries it has not even needed to translate that, because it is more chic in English. Only French law required it to be in the native language.

Other clients whose products are advertised internadonally by the agency are British prices.

Häagen-Dazs and Polaroid. If you go to Italy this summer you will see their adverts for Perletti, an Italian chewinggum maker.

Are you sitting comfortably? If Audience Systems, of Westbury, Wiltshire, asked that question a cry of "Yes" would echo from around the world. The company has sup-plied retractable seating for 10.000 in the Dubai Sports Club as well as other seating arena in Oberhausen. Germany, the Flushing Meadow tennis centre in New York. the new Amersfoot opera house in Holland, with its striking red seats, a Danish Kulturhaus and a Queensland university hall. The invention that the firm is currently proudest of is its silent tip-up

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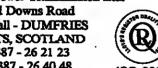
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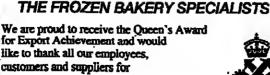






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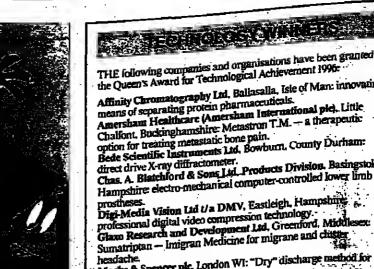
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Outside the medical field, Digi-Media Vision of Eastleigh, Hampshire, has developed a system for com-pressing television signals so that many programmes may be conveyed along a single channel, satellite or cable. The company, which also wins an Export Award, received an award for design and innovation at the 1993 Montreux Television Symposium.

A joint award goes to Marks Spencer and Wace Screen. of Wakefield, for the development of garment panel printing using "dry" discharge methods, known as the

The ink contains a chemical which bleaches out the ground colour, allowing the print quality to be observed immediately. As a result the reject rate is reduced effectively to zero, compared with 15-20 per cent using the conventional

Another joint award goes to the Institute of Biotechnology at Cambridge University and Affinity Chromatography, which is based at Freeport on the Isle of Man and becomes the first Manx award-winner. A new range of materials, known as the Mimetic range, used to separate protein pharmaceuticals, is designed to emulate the chemical interactions occurring in nature and

Distron process.

'wet" process.

THE following companies and organisations have been granted the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement 1996: Affinity Chromatography Ltd. Ballasalla, Isle of Man: innovating means of separating protein pharmaceuticals.

Amersham Healthcare (Amersham International pic). Little

Chalfont, Buckinghamshire: Metastron T.M. - a therapeutic option for treating metastatic bone pain. Bede Scientific Instruments Ltd. Bowburn, County Durham: direct drive X-ray diffractometer.

Chas. A. Blatchford & Sons Ltd. Products Division. Basingstoke.

Hampshire electro-mechanical computer-controlled lower limb Dig-Media Vision Ltd Ua DMV, Eastleigh, Hampshire.

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garment panel printing.
Oxford Magnet Technology Ltd, Witney, Oxfordshire: Open C magnet system for magnetic resonance imaging scanner.

Philips Medical Systems — Radiotherapy, Crawley, West Susser. multileaf collimator for radiotherapy treatment machine Rover Group Ltd, Electronics and Control Systems, Coverdry, West Midlands: microprocessor-controlled Engine Management

Scimat Ltd. Swindon, Willishire, membranes for the rechargeable

Smith & Nephew pic, Group Research Centre, York, North Yorkshire: IV3000 — Materials innovation in infection control. battery industry. Ultra Electronics Ltd. Noise and Vibration Systems Division. Greenford, Middlesex: system for reducing cabin noise in

turboprop aircraft. ology. University of Cambridge: innovating means of separating protein pharmaceuticals.

Wace Screen — Wakefield, Wakefield, West Yorkshire: "Dry-discharge method for garment panel printing. Westwind Air Bearings Ltd. Poole, Dorset: aerodynamic spindle

is said to be stable and inexpensive compared with earlier products related to

textile dyes. The problem of cabin noise in turbo-prop aircraft has been addressed by Ultra Electronics of Greenford, Middlecompany has sex. The

Croydon, Surrey: engineering

consultancy services.

developed an "anti-noise" system, based on a mathematical model adjusted to take account of different aircraft types and varying conditions of flight and load. It also selects the best position for microphones and loudspeakers within the aircraft.

Reynard Racing Cars Ltd. Bicester, Oxfordshire: racing cars

Chesterfield, Derbyshire: spirally, wound paperboard packaging.
Robobond Ltd t/a Ematyl,

Robinson Special Packaging,

and components.

### 1996 Queen's Awards for Exports: the winners

Mott MacDonald's Tsing Ma suspension bridge in Hong Kong

Molybdenum products.

Abraham Moon & Sons Ltd.

Leeds, West Yorkshire: woven

wool apparel fabric.

Morrisficz Ltd, Consumable

Tools Division, Daventry.

Morrison Bowmore Distillers

Ltd, Glasgow, Scotland: Scotch whisky distillers.

Motorola Ltd, European Cellular Infrastructure Division, Swindon, Wiltshire cellular radio

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Subscriber Division, Bathgate, West Lothian, Scotland: cellular

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Northamptonshire: rotary

deburring tools.

Blisworth, Northamptonshire processed fresh and frozen beef and lamb. Audience Systems Ltd. Westbury. Wiltshire: auditoria, arena and stadium seating systems. Autoflame Engineering Ltd, London SE6: combustion control

equipment, Avesta Sheffield Ltd. Sheffield, South Yorkshire stainless steel. Bartle Bogle Hegarty Ltd, London Wi: planning, creation, production and implementation of

advertising. Bass Beers Worldwide Ltd. Birmingham, West Midlands: beer and non-alcoholic drinks. Beamech Group Ltd, Trafford Park, Manchester, Greater Manchester: plastic foam-making

Beck & Pollitzer Engineering Ltd, Dartford, Kent: machinery. installation and relocation Biotrace Ltd, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, Wales: hygiene

testing systems.

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machine tools.

Applied science

lessons

**John Young** on companies forging

a bright future for themselves in

the white heat of new technology

ment of a

sophisticated

electro-mechani-

cal computer

control system

for artificial legs is one of 16

projects to have won one of

this year's Queen's Awards for

Technological Achievement.

Devised by Chas A Blatchford & Sons of Basingstoke, Hamp-

shire, the control system uses

a microprocessor controller in

conjunction with a pneumatic

swing phase cylinder to pro-

vide a variety of walking

speeds, reacting instantly to

changes in the user's gait and

making the whole process

much simpler and more

About half the awards in the

sector are for advances in

medicine and pharmacology.

comfortable

develop- another being the develop-

ment by Amersham Healthcare, of Little Chalfont

in Buckinghamshire, of a new

drug. Metastron, which pro-

vides long-term pain relief for

patients suffering from bone

metastases in prostate and

Strontium-89 chloride, is ad-

ministered by intravenous in-

jection and absorbed by the

body as if it were calcium,

rapidly clearing from the

blood and selectively

localising in the bone. A single

injection provides relief for up

to six months in four out of five

Glaxo Research and Dev-

elopment, of Greenford, Mid-

dlesex, wins an award for the

development of a drug called

Imigran to treat migraine and

Corsair Toiletries Ltd, St Albans,

Metastron, a solution of

English Hop Products Ltd. Tonbridge, Kent: hop products and raw hops. Epichem Ltd, Wirral, Merseyside: chemicals for the electronics industry. Eurostock Meat Marketing Ltd. Newty Co Down, NI: processed Evans Medical Ltd,

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material handlers.

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## Firms with a golden touch



company in Antrim. Northern Ireland, to restore the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, one of Islam's holi-

est shrines, might on the face ol it seem an unlikely event. But in fact it is only one of a range of unusual contracts, ranging from theme parks to cruise liners and a Buddhist temple, that have helped Mivan to win a Queen's Award for Export Achieve-

The company itself has an unusual history, having been founded by Dr Ivan McCabrey while he was still an engineering student at Queen's University, Belfast. It employs some 3.800 people in 25 countries worldwide and has won more than £100 million of new business in the last year, four-fifths of it in export markets. The Dome of the Rock contract involved the total restoration of the

roof of the shrine and the covering of the 1,500 sq m dome with pure gold.

At a less exalted level the company was the largest general contractor on the EuroDisney project with 750 workers responsible for constructing Cinderella's Castle, two traditional Mississippi paddle steamers and Big Thunder Mountain. the world's largest artificial rockwork structure. Mivan is at present working on a theme park for Warner Bros near Dusseldorf in Germany. The attractions include Bat-

man, Gremlins, Looney Tunes and Police Academy and three large artificial volcanoes which form part of a Bermuda Triangle ride. Within the last two years

Mivan has won contracts from the Royal Thai Air Force worth more than £77 million. They include the design and construction of a new township complete with Buddhist temple, on the Don Muang Air Force base outside Bangkok. The company's marine ventures - include the Harlequinns nightclub for the which was fabricated on site in Northern Ireland and later assembled at a shipyard in Germany. It has also recently completed a feasibility study to recreate a full size replica of the ill-fated Titanic and has converted a German river boat, renamed The Road to Mandalay, which will convey tourists up the Irrawaddy

Disaster prevention is the speciality of HSB Engineering Insurance Limited, another award winner. At a large oil refinery an engineer employed by the company was using the Datalert vibration monitoring

John Young looks a some

unusual successes in

engineering

equipment to test the operating condition of a large expander turbine. Over the course of several days he became concerned by steadily increasing vibration levels. A decision was made to shut down the system and a closer investigarion revealed a severely cracked coupling; eight of the twelve coupling bolts had sheared off. Without repair the turbine would have been de-stroyed and cost the company some US\$20 million.

On another occasion an HSB engineer, Harry Whitehead, was carrying out oil

Export winner: New Holland tractor

tests on large transformers at an electrical plant. The test results showed the presence of gasses in the insulating oil and Mr Whitehead recommended that the transformer be taken out of service for further inspection. This revealed burned contacts which if left untreated could have destroyed the transformer. His action saved the operator nearly US\$1 million.

William Stockdale, HSB's managing director, said the award was a recognition of the company's extraorformation in 1989. "We have succeeded in bringing a new approach to the world engineering insurance market and we are now regarded as one of the major insurers of critical machinery exposures," he

JCB, which celebrated its 50th birthday last year, is one of those companies which has almost become part of the language, its brightly coloured machines familiar on thousands of construction sites. This year two of its subsidiaries have won awards, taking the total to eleven since the first in 1969.

which moved to a new £10 million plant at Cheadle, greater Manchester, last year, has increased export earnings from E17.5 million to E49.7 million over the last three years. It employs more than 200 people in the manufacture compact earth moving, materials handling and industrial equipment.

JCB Materials Handling

has a turnover of nearly £95 million and between 1993 and 1995 increased its exports from £20.4 million to £51.8 million. JCB Less well known to the general public but familiar enough to farmers are the New Holland range of tractors and agricultural equipment. In the past three years the company's factory in Basildon, Essex, with 2,400 employees, exported nearly 28,000 tractors, 47,000 dieset engines and components worth more than £563 million. In 1995 New Holland UK

> the Financial Times list of top UK exporters. but its net export sales of £218 million in 1994 placed it among the top ten. The company also won an award last year and its chief executive officer Riccardo Ruggeri said the awards emphasised the company's rapid expansion across the world in the past three vears.

Limited ranked 27th in

British Steel Special Sections, of Skinningrove, Teesside, is the first non-American company to acquire certified supplier status for the giant United States com-

pany, Caterpillar Inc. In 1990 the parent company made the decision to invest in the manufacture of vehicle components and re-engineered the Teesside plant at a cost of £20 million. Orb Electrical Steels Limit-

ed of Newport, Gwent, was formerly a division of British Steel but is now owned by European Electrical Steels Limited, a joint venture by British Steel and Svenski Stal AB of Sweden. It produces electrical steel for transformers, generators, motors and equipment, and in the two years to March 1995 its

export revenue rose from £40

million to £65 million.

Oiling the wheels of all this heavy industry is Segal Quince Wicksteed, based in Swavesey, Cambridge, whose managing director Roger Quice has watched the consultancy grow from a partnership of three in 1983 to a company with almost 60 employees now. It works in areas where efforts are being made to revitalise economies, advising governments, for example, on economic polices to stimulate competition. Export earnings have tripled in three years.



In the picture. Howard Simons, managing director of Emafyl of London, among some of the moulded polystyrene frames which have won the company a Queen's Award for Export. Emafyl began nine years ago with four people and now employs 500. The

company piooeered the use of polystyrene for picture and mirror frames in place of wood, and has also developed machines to create a finish on the frames as good as handmade. Il produces four-million feet of frame a week, and exports 75 per cent of it.

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looks at tailor-made

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WHEN Burberrys louks to the East - and h has just opened two shops in China

thinks small: coats for the Pacific Rim are designed down to fit the smaller frames of its new customers.

"For the Asian market," says Robert Kerr, export sales director, "we have developed a special fitting for raincoats, and our fabrics are kept cool and lightweight. There are also mini versions of our traditional bandbags and

Thoughtful tailoring has

brought outsize rewards for the clothing manufacturer, which increased exports by more than 30 per cent in the last three years, and this year wins its sixth export award. Another company looking towards Asia is Abraham Moon & Sons, of Netherfield Mills. Guiseley, Leeds. Founded in 1837, it has 150

employees making woven wool apparel fabric. The company also takes care to adapt its designs and colours. "In Japan we can't use bright yellows," says John

### The Italians think we all walk about in tweed jackets'

Walsh its chairman "so we go for lots of greys and blues. The Italians love the British look - they think we all walk about in tweed jackets. The French go .. for brighter colours.

Also winning its first export award is Garigue, based in west London and selling woven fabrics of wool, mohair and cotton to top fashion markets. In particular it sells to the main fashion bouses in Paris for haute couture and ready-to-wear. Nearly all its sales are exports.

With environmental considerations in mind, Nikwax, of Wadhurst, East Sussex, makes sure that its waterproof clothing is water rather than solvent-based. It now exports more than half of what it produces, its most receot market being South Africa.

For safe underwear, try RBR Armour, based in London's Old Kent Road It supplies bullet-resistant clothing, helmets, visors and shields to soldiers, policemen and mine clearers, and has a global contract with the United Nations.



Delaney's in Hong Kong. British drinkers will soon get a taste of a very successful export brew, an Irish red ale called Kilkenny.
Whisky has its awards, too. Morrison Bowmore Distillers, of Glasgow, started trading in

1990: it has doubled its exports

in the last three years. It has

pany puts people who want to

open Irish pubs abroad in

touch with Irish firms who will provide appropriate fit-tings and Irish staff. Guinness

gets its reward in the amount

of Guinness quaffed in 800

overseas pubs such as The Dubliners of Dubai and

Brewing World-

BRITISH booze two mali whiskies: Bowmore, an Islay malt distilled on the isle of Islay, and Auchentoshen, a smooth, tripledistilled malt made near Glasgow. Auchentoshen is the only triple-distilled malt currently available for export, Yesterday, the Queen's birthday, the company filled some specially chosen casks with their whiskies, and these will be drunk in 21 years' time as Queen's Award Malt.

The family owned firm of William Grant, of Motherwell. Lanarkshire, has also been sloshing whisky successfully down throats abroad. Apart from the blended Grant's, it produces the popular malt Glenfiddich and a connoisseur's malt called Balvenie. William Grant also produces a single-grain whis-ky called Black Barrel, a Swiss chocolate liqueur called Goldkenn and, as a joint venture with Richard Branson, Virgin Vodka - ol which sales are



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### Prescott rebukes Short on tax

Clare Short was publicly warned by John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, to accept collective responsibility or resign from the Shadow Cabinet, as a further row broke out

However, soon after criticising his colleague, Mr Prescott appeared to make a similar gaffe on tax which was gleefully seized on by the Tories who claimed that it showed Labour would hit middle-income earners .....

#### Viscount escapes Delhi blast

Viscount Weymouth, the 21-year old son of the Marguess of Bath and heir to the Longleat estate, survived a bomb blast in Delhi which killed his girlfriend, best friend, and ten other people. Two separatist groups opposed to the Indian elections, due next week, claimed responsibility ...

#### Queen fêted

For all the Queen's efforts to keep her seventieth birthday within the bosom of her family, the occasion became something of a public event as she was feted by well-.... Pages I, 6 wishers .....

over the party's tax plans.

### Goldsmith manifesto Sir James Goldsmith set out his terms for a referendum on

Europe, insisting that the people should decide whether they want to be governed by Brussels or ...... Page 1 Westminster .....

#### Marathon conquest Liz McColgan revelled in the hot-

test conditions of the year when she returned from injury to win the London Marathon women's .. Pages I, 25, 27

#### Gardiner threat

Sir George Gardiner, the rightwing MP, has threatened to force a by-election, which could wipe out the Tories' majority, if he is deselected.... ....Page 2 Thompson awards

#### The film Sense and Sensibility,

which won an Oscar for Emma Thompson, took three awards at the annual ceremony of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts ... .....Page 3 Academics fall out

The research world has been split by a dispute between physicists and astronomers who are accused of taking more than their 

### Heritage at risk

Exquisitely-carved cherubs and angels from a 19th-century altar at St Paul's Cathedral will be sold abroad unless £740,000 can be raised to save them for the nation... ... Page 5

#### 'Zealots' challenge

Martin Mears, president of the Law Society, faces a campaign by women lawyers to oust him after he said some of them were "discrimination zealots"..........Page 8

### Israeli inquiry

Israel ordered an inquiry into the disastrous bombardment of a UN base in Lebanon which killed 102 people as international efforts led by the United States to halt the conflict continued......Page 9

### Mission to Liberia

The United States deployed four warships off Liberia and dispatched a diplomatic mission to try to halt the faction fighting in Monrovia, the capital ..... Page 10 Priest in Nazi row

Abbé Pierre, the popular French champion of good causes, is under fire for defending an author who says the Holocaust has been exaggerated ......Page 11 Nato deadlock

Presidents Yeltsin and Clinton made headway in resolving disputes over two key arms control agreements but remained deadlocked over Nato's eastward

### Top tuber is smash hit with French

expansion ...

A rare variety of French potato brought back from the edge of extinction fetched the record price of £180 a pound when it went on sale at a Paris auction house at the weekend. The Bonnotte de Noirmoutier potato is regarded as the caviar of the tuber world, being grown on a bed of seaweed and planted and picked entirely by hand......Page 11



Emma Thompson at the scene of her British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards triumph yesterday. Report, page 2

Power play: The battle to gain con-

trol of Britain's second-biggest electricity generator has entered the political arena after John Redwood, the former Tory leadership contender, said bids such as that being lined up by a US firm for National Power should be blocked . Page 48

Struggle's end: Another big City takeover attempt is set to end this week, with observers forecasting a victory for the bidder. Rentokil's £2.1 billion onslaught is being resisted by its target, the services combine BET ....

Tunnel plight: Eurotunnel, which operates the cross-Channel service. is set today to report losses that some City watchers think will approach £1 billion for 1995, the first full year of operation ...... Page 48 centres ...

Party over?: These days, positive sightings of Margaret Beckett are so rare that one fears she may soon become the subject of a David Attenborough documentary, Mary Riddell meets Labour's Trade and Industry spokeswoman ..... Page 15

Nuclear risk: The Lepse is a more menacing vessel now than she ever was when she patrolled the Atlantic as part of the Soviet Navy. Michael Binyon on the Cold War legacy haunting Russia...

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except the north by midnight. Warm In most places. Scotland and Northern

Ireland will be cloudy and windy with

Central N: bright spells after early

mist. Rain spreading from the south. Wind mostly light, southerlies, north-easterly later. Max 18C (64F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England: mostly dry, surny spells. Becoming cloudier later. Wind moderate, south-

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Royal bashing: Tony Harrison's new play for the National Theatre. The Prince's Play, sets Rigoletto among the naughty royals of late ... Page 13 Victorian London...

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From a mega-movie

like Assassins to a

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Revenue rewriting all

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occasionally strong south or south-westerly. Max 14C (57F).

N Ireland: rain at times, dying out

from the southeast. Wind strong, southwesterly. Max 13C (55F).

Outlook: rain in east clearing, then sunny spells. Some showers

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Orkney, Shetland: rain.

dying out. Wind strong to gale northeasterly. Max 9C (48F).

try anything

erly. Max 18C (64F).

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small film like Safe,

Julianne Moore will

#### Division title when Stoke held them 0-0; Crystal Palace's 2-0 victory over Wolverhampton gives

Rugby union: Leicester lost the first Sanyo Cup match against a World XV in front of a near 32,000 crowd at Twickenham, However, the club will still benefit by more than £50,000 .... ....Page 37

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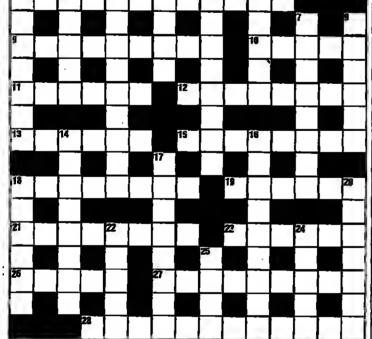
John Prescott told Clare Short to stick to agreed Labour policy or get out of the Shadow Cabinet, a perfectly reasonable injunction save for one awkward fact. On tax, Labour has no policy to which to stick. As one Labour spokesman has that ed: "You cannot reveal a secretal it does not exist Page 17

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6 Taking advantage of pleasant morning off (5). Fine adjustment needed in

transmitting equipment, that's apparent (8). Best - or worst - of French performance (6). 14 Augment mixture with lake that's

sort of grey (S). 16 Club mount get-together for old track runner (4,5).

17 Outstanding account showed effect of inflation (8). 18 Use shares to generate turnover in farming business (6).

20 Show girl's set on dramatic production (7). 22 Painter inferior to Constable as

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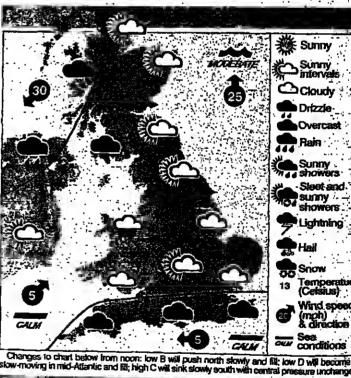
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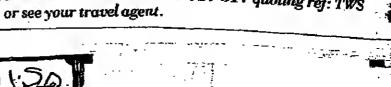


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